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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
ON OCTOBER 12, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 133.]

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY PASTOR  
NORI HANAOKA, KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH IN LOMITA AND THE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY MAX DROOTIN, SERGEANT-AT-  
ARMS, SAN FERNANDO POST NO. 603, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR?

**PASTOR NORI HANAOKA:** THANK YOU. SHALL WE PRAY? O GOD, ALMIGHTY  
GOD, WE COME TO YOU AND GIVING YOU RECOGNITION OF GLORY AND  
HONOR AND PRAISE, FOR WE DO REALIZE THAT YOU ARE THE CREATOR  
AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE AND THAT ALL THINGS IN YOUR  
HANDS DO CONSIST. THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE  
AND WE ESPECIALLY ASK THAT YOUR DISCERNMENT, YOUR WISDOM AND  
YOUR GUIDANCE WOULD BE WITH THESE, THY SERVANTS. WE HONOR YOU  
AND PRAISE YOU THROUGH YOUR-- FOR YOUR NAMESAKE. AMEN. [ NULL  
]

**MAX DROOTIN:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME  
IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PASTOR? PASTOR NORI IS THE  
2   SENIOR PASTOR OF THE KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH IN LOMITA. HE'S  
3   BEEN A LONG-TIME SOUTH BAY RESIDENT. PASTOR NORI'S FIRST  
4   MINISTRY POSITION WAS AT THE TORRANCE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH IN  
5   1963. IN NOVEMBER OF 1995, PASTOR NORI WAS SELECTED AS THE  
6   PASTOR OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED KINGSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH. THE  
7   CHURCH HAS BEEN IN A NEW FACILITY SINCE JUNE OF 2001. SO,  
8   PASTOR NORI, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO  
9   SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOU TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY  
10   SCHEDULE TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12   **PASTOR NORI HANAOKA:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WERE LED IN  
15   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY MAX DROOTIN, A  
16   RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. ACTUALLY, A RESIDENT OF THE  
17   FIFTH DISTRICT BUT HE REPRESENTS THE SAN FERNANDO POST NUMBER  
18   603 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES, WHERE HE  
19   HOLDS THE TITLE OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED  
20   STATES NAVY FROM 1942 THROUGH '45, SERVED IN THE ATLANTIC AND  
21   THE PACIFIC THEATRE AND RECEIVED THE NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,  
22   ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY  
23   MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S A SALES MANAGER  
24   FOR LIBERTY LIGHTING COMPANY. HE'S MARRIED WITH THREE  
25   CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN AND





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1 HAS 42 YEARS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND HAILS FROM  
2 MASSACHUSETTS ORIGINALLY. SO MAX, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
3 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
4 COUNTRY. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO AHEAD WITH THE AGENDA.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
9 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
13 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
16 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
22 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE APPROVAL, SECONDED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 20,  
3 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, IT INCLUDES  
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S RECOMMENDATION AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET.  
5 ON ITEM NUMBER 3, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM  
6 NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ON ITEM NUMBER 13,  
7 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
11 SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. ON ITEM 21,  
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND  
19 MEASURES, ITEM 22.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
22 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES. ON  
2 ITEM 23, HOLD FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND A MEMBER OF THE  
3 PUBLIC.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO HELD.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
8 24.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 25 AND 26. ON ITEM  
14 25, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT  
15 THE ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS. ITEM 26 IS BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 25? ITEM 26, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19 ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 29.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
24 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH. ON ITEM 30, HOLD FOR A  
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 31 THROUGH 44. ON  
3 ITEM 36, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR  
4 REQUESTS THE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. THE REST ARE BEFORE  
5 YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 36, I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT TWO  
8 WEEKS.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY? ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
14 SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEM 45.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
19 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 46.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR WILL  
24 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 47.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
4 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, 48 AND 49 AND I'LL READ  
7 THE SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD. ON 48, TREASURER AND TAX  
8 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
9 ISSUANCE OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT  
10 AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS IN A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL  
11 AMOUNT OF \$17 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
14 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 49, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
17 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
18 AND SALE OF EL MONTE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004, GENERAL  
19 OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 1999, SERIES C, IN AGGREGATE  
20 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13 MILLION.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BUDGET MATTER, ITEM 50.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
3 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD WE  
6 BACKTRACK ON THAT? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THAT  
7 ITEM BE HELD.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION. BE HELD.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
12 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
14 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
15 ITEM 51-A, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. 51-B IS BEFORE  
16 YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON 51-C, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
24 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JUST A POINT OF PRIVILEGE HERE BEFORE  
2   WE DO THAT. I WANT TO GIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION, WE'RE VERY  
3   FORTUNATE TODAY TO HAVE WITH US UP HERE A FORMER MEMBER OF  
4   THIS BOARD, THE HONORABLE DEANE DANA, AND HE'S JOINED BY HIS  
5   WIFE, DORIS, AND WE WANT TO SAY WELCOME TO DEAN AND DORIS. [  
6   APPLAUSE ]

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8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEY'RE PART OF A GROUP THAT'S DOWN  
9   HERE TODAY THAT WERE ALSO JOINED AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THEM  
10   STAND UP AS WELL, THE PALOS VERDES REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED  
11   AND HAVE THEM ALL STAND UP AS WELL. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE WELCOME ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR TAKING  
14   THE TIME. THEY'RE JUST GOING TO STAY HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES,  
15   AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING BACK OVER TO THE WINERY, I THINK, I  
16   DON'T KNOW. [ LAUGHTER ]

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT, ANYWAY, DEAN, WELCOME, AND DORIS,  
19   WELCOME AND WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU BOTH, SO, OKAY. ZEV, DID  
20   YOU HAVE ANY...

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T.

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24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND TO MY  
25   COLLEAGUES, IT'S MY-- I HAVE A REAL SPECIAL PLEASURE TODAY TO



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1 RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS HAD AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
3 AND PROBABLY THE NATION. HE'S BEEN A LONGTIME FRIEND, AND I  
4 KNOW SUPERVISOR DANA REMEMBERS HIM WELL, TOO, BUT TO WELCOME  
5 JOHN TODD, THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. JOHN IS  
6 RETIRING AFTER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
7 AND... [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY! [ APPLAUSE CONTINUES ]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JOINING ME TODAY ARE VICE MAYOR WAYNE  
12 PIERCEY AS WELL AS COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY VAN NOSTRUM. AND I  
13 KNOW THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S OUT THERE, HOWARD CHAMBERS, AND  
14 DEPUTY CITY MANAGER SANDY RULE. WE WANT TO THANK THEM FOR  
15 COMING AS WELL. YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST THINKING WE'RE THANKING  
16 JOHN FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE, WHICH WE ARE IN CELEBRATING  
17 HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THOSE MANY DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CITY  
18 OF LAKEWOOD BUT I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, AND PROBABLY  
19 A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, IS THE CONTRACT CITIES SERVICE  
20 FORM OF GOVERNMENT WAS CREATED BY THIS GENTLEMAN HERE ON MY  
21 LEFT, MR. JOHN TODD AND, OBVIOUSLY, FROM A COUNTY'S  
22 PERSPECTIVE, IT'S OUR NUMBER ONE CLIENT THAT WE SERVE. AND,  
23 HISTORICALLY, IF YOU LOOK BACK, I'M SURE AS I MENTIONED THE  
24 LITTLE VIDEO THING THAT WE DID FOR JOHN WAS THAT I DON'T THINK  
25 HE HAD ANY IDEA, ON HOWEVER HE CREATED THIS IDEA, WHAT HE HAD





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1   CREATED AND THE IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ALLOWING CITIES  
2   NOT TO HAVE TO HAVE THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE  
3   DEPARTMENT OR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, AND  
4   SO WE WANT TO THANK JOHN FOR THAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT, OF  
5   COUNTIES AND CITIES WORKING TOGETHER, BUT ALSO NOT ONLY ARE  
6   THE ULTIMATE CONSTITUENTS BEING SERVED BUT OBVIOUSLY THE  
7   TAXPAYERS AND SAVING THE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. HE HAS  
8   HAD MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BEING ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD  
9   OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKEWOOD PARK AND RECREATION PARKWAY  
10   DISTRICT. THAT WAS LAKEWOOD'S FIRST EXPERIMENT AT LOCAL  
11   GOVERNMENT. IN 1954, HE JOINED OTHER CIVIC LEADERS TO FORM A  
12   NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION THAT WAS BASED ON  
13   CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY, AS I SAID, AND HAS WRITTEN  
14   ORDINANCES THAT HAVE BECOME A SETTLING PART OF CALIFORNIA'S  
15   JURISPRUDENCE SYSTEM, ENSURING HIS LEGACY IS NOT TO LAKEWOOD  
16   ALONE BUT TO ALL CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THE GREAT STATE OF  
17   CALIFORNIA. HE IS TRULY THE FATHER OF CONTRACT CITIES. HIS  
18   LEADERSHIP AND VISION WILL BE MISSED BY NOT ONLY THOSE IN  
19   LAKEWOOD BUT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. AND, ON A  
20   PERSONAL NOTE, I ALSO SAY HE'S JUST ABSOLUTELY A GREAT, GREAT  
21   HUMAN BEING. HE'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH, A DEAR FRIEND,  
22   A GREAT MENTOR TO MANY OF US IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. HIS WISDOM,  
23   HIS COURAGE, HIS WILLINGNESS TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX HAS  
24   BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF GOVERNMENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
25   COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO, JOHN, ON BEHALF MYSELF



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1 AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD AND NOT ONLY THE CITIZENS  
2 OF LAKEWOOD BUT ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, IT'S MY  
3 PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL AS A SMALL TOKEN OF  
4 A GREAT THANK YOU FOR 50 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE ]  
5 [ APPLAUSE CONTINUES ]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CITY ATTORNEY, THE GREAT CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
8 FOR 50 YEARS, MR. JOHN TODD. JOHN?

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10 **JOHN S. TODD:** THANK YOU, DON. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR VERY  
11 KIND REMARKS. IT WAS OVER 50 YEARS AGO THAT I APPEARED BEFORE  
12 THIS BOARD AS A YOUNG ATTORNEY AND IT WAS AT A BOUNDARY  
13 HEARING SEEKING THE FORMATION OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD. I TOLD  
14 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT, WHEN WE INCORPORATED, WE WERE  
15 GOING TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES. A  
16 LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK THAT WOULD WORK, EVEN MEMBERS OF  
17 THE COUNTY SAID, OH, AFTER SIX MONTHS OR SO, YOU'LL WANT TO  
18 HAVE YOUR OWN DEPARTMENTS BUT WE KNEW OTHERWISE. WE STAYED IN  
19 THE FIRE DISTRICT, WE CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY FOR LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. TODAY, THERE ARE OVER 170  
21 CITIES IN CALIFORNIA THAT CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, SO  
22 THE EXPERIMENT REALLY WORKED. IT SAVED A DUPLICATION OF  
23 SERVICES AND IT'S BEEN BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE  
24 CITY BECAUSE WE MADE STRONGER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, A STRONGER



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A STRONGER FIRE DISTRICT. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD TO SEE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANKS AGAIN, JOHN. JOB WELL DONE. I'D LIKE  
7 TO CALL UP BERNARD MCDUEL, SUPERVISING FIRE PREVENTION  
8 ASSISTANT FORWARD AS WELL CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN AND  
9 ASSISTANT CHIEF, JOHNNY GEE. OH, RIGHT BEHIND ME THERE. THAT  
10 WAS QUICK. HOW ARE YOU DOING, SIR? WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
11 BERNARD AND THANK HIM. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 1986 AS A FIRE PREVENTION  
13 ENGINEERING ASSISTANT. HE HAS 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITHIN  
14 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION. HE'S BEEN  
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN OF REVIEW OF MANY OF THE  
16 COUNTY'S MOST CHALLENGING PROJECTS, INCLUDING COMMERCE CASINO,  
17 THIS ONE IS FOR HOWARD CHAMBERS, THE CERRITOS TOWN CENTER, THE  
18 CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UNIVERSAL CITY WALK,  
19 AND THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL. IN HIS CAPACITY AS SUPERVISING  
20 FIRE PREVENTION ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, HE CONTINUES TO TEACH  
21 CLASSES AT THE ACADEMY AS WELL AS COORDINATE AND ESTABLISH NEW  
22 PREVENTION DIVISION SATELLITE OFFICES. SO WE WANT TO  
23 CONGRATULATE BERNARD BECAUSE HE IS BEING HONORED WITH THE  
24 TWELFTH ANNUAL PERPETUAL FIRE PREVENTION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
25 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIRE PREVENTION FIELD AND FOR



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1 HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. BERNARD, CONGRATULATIONS. [  
2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **BERNARD MCDUEL:** HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, MR. CHAIRMAN, CHIEF  
5 FREEMAN, MASTER PROTECTION CORPORATION AND GUESTS, THANK YOU  
6 FOR PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
7 ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION. SOME OF  
8 THEM ARE PRESENT TODAY. I'D LIKE FOR THEM TO STAND FOR JUST A  
9 MOMENT. I'D LIKE TO APPLAUD THEIR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OVER  
10 THE YEARS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **BERNARD MCDUEL:** WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, IT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE  
13 FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.  
14 ALSO, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FIRE MARSHAL, CHIEF JOHNNY GEE,  
15 AND HIS MANAGEMENT STAFF FOR PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT HAS  
16 ALLOWED ME TO DEMONSTRATE MY COMMITMENT TO FIRE SERVICE. I  
17 HAVE SELECTED, AS MY CHARITY OF CHOICE, THE HARVEST INSTITUTE.  
18 THE HARVEST INSTITUTE IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO  
19 REVITALIZING IMPOVERISHED AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES  
20 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TEACHING THEM TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT  
21 AND ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE IN TODAY'S GLOBAL ECONOMY. THANK  
22 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THE SEGUE THERE IS THAT THIS IS ALSO  
25 FIRE PREVENTION MONTH AND, OBVIOUSLY, SMOKE ALARMS HAVE BEEN



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1 PROVEN AN EFFECTIVE LIFE SAVER, CUTTING THE FIRE DEATH RATE BY  
2 ONE-HALF SINCE THEIR INTRODUCTION MANY YEARS AGO TO THE  
3 GENERAL PUBLIC. SO WE'D LIKE TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER  
4 AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH, REMIND YOU TO TEST YOUR SMOKE  
5 ALARMS, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE AS WELL TO REMIND EVERY  
6 CITIZEN TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS. SO WE'RE  
7 GOING TO PRESENT THIS TO CHIEF FREEMAN AND TO CHIEF GEE AND  
8 SAY CONGRATULATIONS AND REMIND THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT  
9 COUNTY TO TEST THEIR FIRE ALARMS. SMOKE ALARMS. ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS  
12 OF THE BOARD. I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ONE  
13 OF OUR OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES, BERNARD MCDUEL. WE'D ALSO LIKE  
14 TO THANK MASTER FIRE PROTECTION WHO, FOR THE 12 YEARS, HAS  
15 PROVIDED THE VERY GENEROUS \$1,000 DONATION TO THE CHARITY OF  
16 OUR RECIPIENT'S CHOICE. LASTLY BUT CERTAINLY IMPORTANT IS FIRE  
17 PREVENTION MONTH AND OUR MESSAGE FOR FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IS  
18 PUT SMOKE ALARMS IN YOUR HOME, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR BEDROOMS.  
19 TEST THOSE ALARMS MONTHLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE WORKING  
20 BECAUSE THEY DO SAVE LIVES. AND COMING UP AT THE END OF THE  
21 MONTH IS THE ANNUAL-- OR SEMIANNUAL "CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE  
22 YOUR BATTERY." THAT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SMOKE  
23 ALARMS. SO WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY SAFE FIRE PREVENTION MONTH  
24 IN 2004/'05 AND THE FUTURE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE





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1 DEPARTMENT. AGAIN, TO THE SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
2 THIS RECOGNITION AND IMPORTANT REMINDER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THREE  
7 INDIVIDUALS. MANY OF YOU DON'T REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND WHAT  
8 REALLY GOES INTO RECEIVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT. TODAY, WE  
9 HAVE THREE BROTHERS WHO EARNED THAT EAGLE AT THE SAME TIME:  
10 MICHAEL, JOHN AND BRITTAN SILVA ALL RECEIVED THEIR EAGLE  
11 AWARDS AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HOSTED BY THEIR PARENTS AT THEIR  
12 HOME IN PALMDALE. TO EARN THIS SCOUTING AWARD, A BOY MUST  
13 COMPLETE 21 MERIT BADGES, SHOWING PROFICIENCY IN AT LEAST 21  
14 DIFFERENT AREAS, INCLUDING CAMPING, HIKING, OR FIRST AID. HE  
15 MUST THEN COMPLETE A PROJECT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. WELL, FOR  
16 HIS EAGLE PROJECT, JOHN ORGANIZED A BOOK DRIVE FOR THE LIBRARY  
17 IN THE NEW ESPERANZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PALMDALE. BRITTAN  
18 CHOSE TO HELP THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM FOR HIS  
19 PROJECT, WHERE HE FENCED OFF AN AREA WHERE OFF-ROAD VEHICLES  
20 WERE TRESPASSING ON MUSEUM PROPERTY. HE ALSO POSTED SIGNS AND  
21 REPAIRED DAMAGE TO THE NATURE TRAIL. MICHAEL ORGANIZED A FOOD  
22 DRIVE FOR THE LANCASTER HOMELESS SHELTER, WHERE HE CALLED  
23 LOCAL STORES AND PERSUADED THEM TO DONATE BAGS OF FOOD AND  
24 CASH. THESE THREE YOUNG MEN ARE GREAT EXAMPLES OF THE YOUTH  
25 WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE, CARE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY AND ARE



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1 DISCIPLINED ENOUGH TO JUGGLE SCHOOL, SCOUTING, SPORTS, AND  
2 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE EACH OF THEM FOR  
3 BEING A ROLE MODEL TO THEIR PEERS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND  
4 WITH THEM TODAY IS THEIR FATHER, JONATHAN. SO FIRST LET ME  
5 RECOGNIZE JOHN. [ APPLAUSE ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE, AS YOU PRESENT THOSE SCROLLS, ALSO,  
8 SUPERVISOR DANA IS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND A SILVER BEAVER.

9

10 **JOHN SILVA:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO MR. ANTONOVICH AND  
11 I'M GLAD THAT THERE'S A SCOUTING PROGRAM. IT'S A GOOD THING. [  
12 APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **BRITTAN SILVA:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MR.  
15 ANTONOVICH FOR THIS HONOR AND OPPORTUNITY HE HAS GIVEN US. I,  
16 TOO, AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT WE ARE ABLE TO  
17 PARTICIPATE IN AND I THINK WE ARE THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY  
18 RECEIVED MORE THAN WHAT WE COULD GIVE BUT I'M GRATEFUL THAT WE  
19 WERE ABLE TO GIVE THE SOME THAT WE DID. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE  
20 ]

21

22 **MICHAEL SILVA:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK MIKE AND THANK YOU FOR  
23 THE SCOUTING PROGRAM AND WHAT IT'S, LIKE, DONE FOR ME AND ALL  
24 THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES THAT I'VE HAD. [ APPLAUSE ]

25



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1    **JONATHAN SILVA:** WELL, I'M A PROUD FATHER. I'VE HAD SIX  
2    CHILDREN. THESE ARE MY OLDEST THREE. I'VE GOT ANOTHER BOY WHO  
3    IS A CUB SCOUT RIGHT NOW AND HE'S LOOKING AT THESE THREE  
4    BROTHERS WONDERING IF HE'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT. I  
5    THINK HE WILL. HE'S GOT A GOOD EXAMPLE IN HIS OLDER BROTHERS.  
6    AND THIS SMALL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT IS A BIG THING  
7    BUT THE INTERNAL DRIVE AND THE CHARACTER OF THESE YOUNG MEN,  
8    WHAT THEY'VE BUILT, WILL, I BELIEVE, BLESS THIS COUNTY, BLESS  
9    THIS CITY, BLESS THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BLESS THE FAMILY THAT  
10   THEY'RE INVOLVED IN FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT LOS ANGELES  
13   COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TAKES ON THE HUGE  
14   RESPONSIBILITY OF COORDINATING ALL OF THE DAY-TO-DAY EMERGENCY  
15   PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS FOR THE ENTIRE 4,000-PLUS SQUARE MILES OF  
16   LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT INCLUDES ALL OF OUR CITIES, ALL 88  
17   CITIES, AND OUR 137 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND WE HAVE 288  
18   SPECIAL DISTRICTS. WELL, TO FUND THESE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES,  
19   WE HAVE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHICH BECOMES  
20   INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF  
21   SUPPORT. STATE FARM INSURANCE HAS DONATED \$5,000 FOR THE  
22   SPONSORSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM, PUBLIC  
23   EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. THE DONATION WILL BE USED TO PRINT  
24   VALUABLE LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION FOR  
25   OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. STATE FARM INSURANCE



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1 COMPANY HAS TRULY LIVED UP TO ITS THEME, "LIKE A GOOD  
2 NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE." WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, EDDIE MARTINEZ, THE STATE FARM'S PUBLIC  
4 AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, INA ALACRUZ, WHO'S THE STATE FARM PUBLIC  
5 AFFAIRS AND ALSO ATTENDING IS CONSTANT PARED, WHO IS OUR  
6 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND  
7 JOYCE HARRIS, WHO IS THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND  
8 SHARON HARPER, OUR C.A.O. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
9 REPRESENTATIVE. SO FIRST TO STATE FARM. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **INA ALACRUZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU, ALL. ON BEHALF  
12 OF STATE FARM, IT'S A PLEASURE FOR US TO BE HERE AND TO  
13 ACTUALLY FORM THIS PARTNERSHIP. OUR MISSION IS TO HELP PEOPLE  
14 MANAGE THE RISK OF EVERYDAY LIFE, TO RECOVER FROM THE  
15 UNEXPECTED AND TO REALIZE THEIR DREAMS. A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
16 L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS SOMETHING THAT'S  
17 A NATURAL FIT. WE'RE HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT AND WE'RE ACTUALLY  
18 VERY PROUD TO BE-- YOU GUYS HAVE A MODEL PROGRAM HERE THAT'S  
19 NOT ONLY SUPPORTING OUR COUNTY BUT OTHER SURROUNDING COUNTIES  
20 AS WELL. SO THANK YOU FOR, YOU KNOW, ASKING US TO PARTNER IN  
21 THIS AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE RECOGNITION. [  
22 APPLAUSE ]

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24 **CONSTANT PARED:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
25 EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM IS A TRULY WONDERFUL PROGRAM TO



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1 PREPARE EVERYONE: HOMES, BUSINESSES, NEIGHBORHOODS, EVERY  
2 SINGLE ONE OF US. WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR  
3 PARTNERS AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, ON BEHALF OF OUR CHIEF  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY, TO STATE FARM, THANK  
5 YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING US. THEIR CONTRIBUTION HELPS US GET  
6 THESE VALUABLE MATERIALS OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND WE REALLY  
7 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR  
10 COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAS MOVED TO ANOTHER COUNTY BUT WHO HAS  
11 SERVED AS MY APPOINTEE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGHWAY  
12 COMMISSION FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS. LARRY ADAMY WAS APPOINTED IN  
13 MARCH OF 1987. HE IS THE FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF THE BURBANK-  
14 BASED L.R. ADAMY CONSTRUCTION, SPECIALIZING IN ENTERTAINMENT  
15 FACILITIES SINCE 1974. HE'S THE PROUD FATHER OF CAROLINE, WHO  
16 IS AGE 16, AND HE RECENTLY MOVED TO COACHELLA VALLEY TO PURSUE  
17 A NEW BUSINESS VENTURE AND LOWER HIS GOLF HANDICAP. SO, LARRY,  
18 WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST 17 YEARS IN OUR  
19 COUNTY AND, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTY, WE  
20 HOPE THAT YOUR BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE IN OUR COUNTY AND YOU'LL  
21 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYMENT  
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WITH HIM THIS AFTERNOON IS  
23 BRUCE HERGENSON, WHO IS THE COMMENTATOR AN KABC TELEVISION FOR  
24 MANY YEARS, YVONNE BELL, DEREK BELL, AND BILL HAYES. SO,  
25 LARRY? [ APPLAUSE ]





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2 **LARRY ADAMY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

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4 **BRUCE HERGENSON:** JUST THANKS TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THIS  
5 TERRIFIC PROCLAMATION FOR A GREAT GUY, LARRY ADAMY. [ APPLAUSE  
6 ] [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 8 WEEK OLD BOY NAMED  
9 RANDY, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND HE'S A LABRADOR MIX.  
10 LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE BUTTERSCOTCH. WE OUGHT TO CALL HIM  
11 BUTTERSCOTCH INSTEAD OF RANDY. BUT, ANYWAY, HE'S LOOKING FOR A  
12 HOME. ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT RANDY CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE  
13 NUMBER (562) 728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD  
14 LIKE TO ADOPT THIS CUTE-- SEE EVERYBODY OUT THERE? JUST A  
15 REAL-- LIKE CASHMERE. CASHMERE. COMES WITH THE SCARF. SO  
16 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE OR ANYBODY AT HOME WHO WOULD LIKE TO  
17 ADOPT RANDY. AND HE HAS A FEW RELATIVES THAT ARE ALSO  
18 AVAILABLE. HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING HALLOWEEN AND  
19 THANKSGIVING AND THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU'RE UP FIRST.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I  
24 ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS JOINT PRESENTATION. WE ARE BOTH PLEASED  
25 TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER THE 15TH OF THIS YEAR AS LATINO A.I.D.S.



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1 AWARENESS DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I'M PLEASED TO  
2 INTRODUCE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE JOINED  
3 US. FIRST, DR. JAN KING, MEDICAL DIRECTOR FROM THE OFFICE OF  
4 A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICIES; MR. EDDIE MARTINEZ AND MISS  
5 ALISA AVALOS, CO-CHAIRS OF THE LOS ANGELES PLANNING COMMITTEE  
6 ON NATIONAL LATINO A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY; AND MR. IGNACIO  
7 ORTIZ, WHO IS THE SECRETARY FOR THE LOS ANGELES PLANNING  
8 COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL LATINO AWARENESS DAY AND A HEALTH  
9 EDUCATOR FOR BUENOS STAR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
10 INCORPORATED. UNFORTUNATELY AND ALARMINGLY, THE LARGEST  
11 PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. IN LOS ANGELES  
12 CURRENTLY ARE LATINOS, NEARLY 40%. INDEED, PEOPLE OF COLOR  
13 ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 60% OF ALL PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT  
14 ARE LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. ALTHOUGH WE WELCOME AND APPLAUD THE  
15 CONCERNS OF THE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC INTERNATIONALLY,  
16 THE CRISIS CONTINUES LOCALLY AND IT IS INCREASINGLY A CRISIS  
17 IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT  
18 IGNORE. NATIONAL LATINO A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY IS DESIGNED TO  
19 IMPROVE AWARENESS OF H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND ITS IMPACT ON THE  
20 LATINO COMMUNITIES. IN L.A. COUNTY, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
21 ARE WORKING WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT, LOCAL BUSINESSES, CIVIC  
22 LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND THE MEDIA TO  
23 COMBAT THE SILENCE, THE STIGMA AND THE SHAME SURROUNDING  
24 H.I.V., NOT ONLY IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY BUT THROUGHOUT THE



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1 COMMUNITY. I WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS IN SPANISH.

2 (SPEAKING SPANISH) (SPEAKING SPANISH)

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WE ARE PROCLAIMING  
5 THIS PARTICULAR DAY AS LATINO AWARENESS DAYS IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY AND WE'RE URGING ALL OF THE RESIDENTS TO KNOW THE FACTS  
7 ABOUT H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND TO USE THE AWARENESS TO PREVENT  
8 H.I.V. INFECTION AND TO OFFER COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO ARE  
9 AFFECTED. I REALLY WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE  
10 ORGANIZERS OF THE NATIONAL LATINO A.I.D.S. AWARENESS STATE  
11 PROGRAMS, THE LATINO COALITION AGAINST A.I.D.S. AND DEPARTMENT  
12 OF HEALTH SERVICES OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICY FOR THEIR  
13 CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. IT IS AN  
14 UNBELIEVABLE IMPACT ON ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND I WANT TO  
15 THANK THE LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING IT AND BRINGING ALL OF THE  
16 INFORMATION TOGETHER AND CREATING THE KIND OF AWARENESS THAT  
17 WE NEED TO CREATE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO  
18 LET PEOPLE COME OUT AND TALK ABOUT IT, KNOW THERE ARE  
19 SERVICES, KNOW THERE ARE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND PEOPLE THERE  
20 TO ASSIST THEM AND THAT THERE IS NO SHAME AND THAT WE CAN--  
21 THEY CAN COME TO US AND WE CAN PROVIDE THEM AN AWFUL LOT OF  
22 INFORMATION BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE CAN ASSIST THEM WITH ALL  
23 THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, ON BEHALF  
24 OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LET ME EXTEND THIS TO YOU



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1 AS A CONGRATULATIONS, THIS PROCLAMATION OF LATINO AWARENESS  
2 DAY. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **ALICIA AVALOS:** MY NAME IS ALICIA AVALOS. I AM THE CO-CHAIR FOR  
5 THE LOS ANGELES PLANNING COMMITTEE AND WITH WOMEN OF LIFE  
6 COALITION. I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING  
8 OCTOBER 15TH NATIONAL LATINO A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY. I ALSO  
9 WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE L.A. PLANNING  
10 COMMITTEE, WHICH IS MADE UP OF OVER 25 A.I.D.S. SERVICE  
11 ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR  
12 THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THIS EVENT. IT IS NOT JUST  
13 ONE DAY, IT IS A WEEK FULL OF EVENTS THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS  
14 WEEK AND IT TAKES A LOT OF PLANNING AND A LOT OF TIME FROM  
15 THESE ORGANIZATIONS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DEFINITELY THANK THE  
16 STAFF AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF ALL THOSE ORGANIZATIONS  
17 FOR ALLOWING THEIR STAFF MEMBERS TO DEDICATE SO MUCH TIME AND  
18 ENERGY TO PUTTING ON THIS EVENT. SO, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ANYONE ELSE?

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23 **JAN KING:** BUENOS TARDES. (SPEAKING SPANISH). (SPEAKING  
24 SPANISH) MY NAME IS JAN KING, I'M MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF OFFICE  
25 OF A.I.D.S. I'M ACCEPTING THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF MY



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1 OFFICE. WE ARE RIGHT NOW IN A WAR AGAINST THIS DISEASE OF  
2 A.I.D.S. AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME  
3 THIS EPIDEMIC. THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. BELIEVE THAT EACH PERSON  
4 WHO HAS A.I.D.S. IS ENTITLED TO CARE, THE BEST QUALITY OF CARE  
5 AND IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT COLOR YOUR SKIN IS, WHAT YOUR  
6 CULTURE IS, WHAT YOUR ECONOMIC LEVEL IS OR YOUR IMMIGRATION  
7 STATUS. (SPEAKING SPANISH) GRACIAS. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. GRACIAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND TO MAKE FURTHER PRESENTATIONS, SUPERVISOR  
12 KNABE IS GOING TO CARRY THAT OUT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AS I'VE OFTEN  
15 SAID TO THE DEPARTMENT, IF WE'RE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS  
16 DEADLY A.I.D.S. VIRUS, WE NEED OUTREACH AND PREVENTION EFFORTS  
17 BEYOND JUST WEST OF THE 405 FREEWAY. NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
18 RECOGNIZE SOME COMMUNITY HEROES THAT REFUSED TO WAIT FOR THE  
19 DEPARTMENT TO RECOGNIZE THEIR NEEDS. THEY TOOK IT UPON  
20 THEMSELVES TO ORGANIZE A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT, TO PREVENT THE  
21 SPREAD OF A.I.D.S. VIRUS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. WITH THE HELP OF  
22 SOME ESTABLISHED LOCAL LEADERS, THEY ORGANIZED BILINGUAL  
23 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS, VERY INNOVATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND  
24 TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO ASSIST LOCAL PARISHES AND OTHERS TO  
25 REACH OUT TO THE CONGREGATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. SO IT SEEMS



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1 APPROPRIATE AS THIS BOARD TODAY TO DECLARE OCTOBER 15TH, 2004,  
2 AS LATINO A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY, THAT WE RECOGNIZE SOME  
3 COMMUNITY HEROES THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS MISSION TO HEART. I'M  
4 GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO JOIN ME IN THESE  
5 PRESENTATIONS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LEADERS OF THE RIO HONDO  
6 LATINO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. TASK FORCE. FIRST OF ALL, THE HONORABLE  
7 MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF WHITTIER, MR. OWEN NEWCOMBER. [  
8 APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT MAYOR NEWCOMBER ALSO  
11 IS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN, HE IS ALSO MY APPOINTEE TO THE LOS  
12 ANGELES HOMELESS TASK FORCE, THE SHELTER FORCE, SO  
13 \_\_\_\_\_ SO WE APPRECIATE ALL HE DOES. ANOTHER GREAT  
14 COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND JUST A GREAT GUY IS PASTOR BILL MILLER.  
15 BILL? [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND ANOTHER DEAR FRIEND, DORIS WAHL, WHO  
18 OBVIOUSLY-- WHITTIER RIO HONDO A.I.D.S. PROJECT. DORIS? [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, ALSO WITH THE WHITTIER RIO HONDO AIDS  
22 PROJECT, LIZ MENDILLA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH THE LOS ANGELES CENTERS FOR ALCOHOL  
2   AND DRUG ABUSE, WE'RE GOING TO ASK BRENDA REWELL AND RUBEN  
3   ACOSTAS TO JOIN US. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FINALLY, JUST A LIFELONG COMMUNITY  
6   ADVOCATE, THE SPARK BEHIND THIS EFFORT, THE HISPANIC OUTREACH  
7   TASK FORCE MAN OF THE YEAR, A LIFE, LONG TIME FRIEND OF MINE,  
8   PLEASE WELCOME AND CONGRATULATE MR. VICTOR LEDEZMA. [ APPLAUSE  
9   ]

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11   **MR. VICTOR LEDEZMA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
12   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF THE LATINO H.I.V./A.I.D.S.  
13   ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH BROUGHT THIS GROUP TOGETHER BY  
14   LACATA AND BRENDA REWELL, WE THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING AND  
15   GIVING US THIS AWARD. IT TOOK A LITTLE COURAGE AND IT TOOK A  
16   LITTLE UNDERSTANDING BY MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE, WHO NOT  
17   ONLY HELPED US TO GET THE WORD OUT BUT THEY ALSO WERE TRAINED,  
18   THEY WERE EDUCATED EARLY ON TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM SO THAT  
19   THEY, TOO, COULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY AWARE OF THE  
20   PROBLEM THAT WE FACE. AND SO I'D LIKE TO COMMEND OUR GROUP,  
21   WHICH IS ACROSS THE BOARD. WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM PICO  
22   RIVERA, FROM SANTA FE SPRINGS, WHITTIER, NORWALK AND EVERYBODY  
23   WAS ENTHUSED ABOUT REALLY TRYING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE  
24   H.I.V./A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY  
25   2,000 CASES OF A.I.D.S. AND IT'S GROWING AND WE REALLY



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1 APPRECIATE WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DONE TO US TO  
2 ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM IN THE WHITTIER  
3 CORRIDOR AND THAT, YOU KNOW, ANY HELP THAT WE CAN GET IS  
4 GREATLY APPRECIATED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR CHAIRMAN  
5 OF THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM  
6 WHICH, TWO YEARS AGO, WE HAD A HEALTH FAIR DEALING WITH  
7 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US SO THAT THE  
8 COMMUNITY COULD NOT ONLY LISTEN TO THE-- WHAT WAS BEING SAID  
9 IN SPANISH BUT THEY ALSO PARTICIPATED AND THANKS AGAIN FOR THE  
10 USE OF THOSE TELEPHONES, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [  
11 APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE MEMBERS AND TRAINEES OF  
16 THE WATTS LABOR COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE. THE  
17 WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE OR W.L.C.A.C., HAS A  
18 YOUTH BUILD PROGRAM DEDICATED TO HELPING THE PEOPLE BETWEEN  
19 THE AGES AND 18 AND 24 TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND  
20 CAREERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES. IN THE PROGRAM, THE  
21 TRAINEES WORKED HARD BECOMING POSITIVE LEADERS AND PRODUCTIVE  
22 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. TODAY, I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE  
23 TRAINEES AND STAFF IN ONE OF THE EIGHT PROGRAMS PRESENTLY IN  
24 OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'RE IN  
25 THEIR CONSTRUCTION ATTIRE AND THEY RECEIVED SO MUCH



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1 INSTRUCTION AND IT'S BEEN SO IMPORTANT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I  
2 KNOW THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS GONE ON AND HAS PRODUCED SO MANY  
3 MEANINGFUL CITIZENS AND GIVEN YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
4 KNOW ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND THEY ALSO PROVIDE A LOT  
5 OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THEM LEARNING, THEY ALSO  
6 HELP OTHERS, PARTICULARLY SENIORS AND OTHERS. SO I'D LIKE TO  
7 FIRST PRESENT TO PAULETTE NICKERSON, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES GROUP EXECUTIVE MANAGER, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU  
9 ON DOING SUCH A GOOD JOB. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND TO JAMES SMITH, WHO I KNOW PROVIDES THE  
12 EXPERTISE AND HE HAS MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS HE PUSHES  
13 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT, PARTICULARLY, THIS IS ONE OF HIS  
14 THAT HE HAS MOVED FORWARD. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, PROJECT  
15 MANAGER OF W.L.C.A.C. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, OR TO THE PROGRAM,  
18 COMMENDATION TO W.L.C.A.C. YOUTH BUILD (OFF-MIKE).

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** LET ME INTRODUCE EACH ONE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
21 AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD OR DO YOU WANT ONE  
22 OF THEM TO SAY IT AND SPEAK ALSO? GUSTAVO ANGIANO.  
23 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** CHUCKY BRANDON. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** LAY-- LEE MARSHALL. LEAH. LEAH MARSHALL.  
3 CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** ALVA MEDRANO. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** KERRY RUSSELL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. DAVID SIBLY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** RYAN SNELL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** BILLY THOMPSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** KIMBERLY VESSEL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** CHARLES WAHN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** ARVELL WILLIAMS. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND MICHAEL WILLIAMS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT HERE, THEY WILL  
2   GET THEIRS LATER. DID I MISS ANYONE WITHOUT GIVING THEM THEIR-  
3   - ALL RIGHT. MR. SMITH? PAULETTE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY  
4   SOMETHING?

5

6   **PAULETTE NICKERSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYONE. W.L.C.A.C. HAS  
7   BEEN AROUND SINCE 1965 AND WE PROVIDE ALL KIND OF SERVICES TO  
8   THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA. LATELY, THERE ARE A LOT OF  
9   NEGATIVE THINGS THAT ARE SAID ABOUT SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES  
10   BUT THIS IS A POSITIVE THING. THESE YOUNGSTERS ARE COMING OUT  
11   OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO GOING ON A  
12   PATH AND DOING SOME SUBSTANTIAL THINGS FOR THEIR OWN  
13   COMMUNITY. THE PROGRAM THEY'RE IN IS A COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC  
14   TRAINING, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND, ULTIMATELY, THE  
15   CONSTRUCTION OF LOW INCOME HOUSING IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS  
16   ANGELES. ONE THING WE DO KNOW IS THAT, BECAUSE THAT TASK IS  
17   MONUMENTAL, WE HOPE TO IMPACT OTHER LOW INCOME HOUSING IN THAT  
18   AREA. SO IF THE BOARD HAS MONEY, WE CAN ALWAYS USE IT, SO  
19   THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21   **JAMES SMITH:** AS THE SUPERVISOR KNOWS THAT THIS IS THE--  
22   ANOTHER TIME THAT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING HERE ALONGSIDE  
23   OF HER AS WE RECOGNIZED YOUNG LEADERS THAT ARE DOING POSITIVE  
24   THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY  
25   WHERE H.U.D., A PARTNERSHIP WITH W.L.C.A.C., IS SHOWING A



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1 COMMITMENT AND AN INVESTMENT IN YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS IN  
2 BUILDINGS, AS PAULETTE TALKED ABOUT. WE WANT TO TAKE THIS  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ONE OF OUR POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WHO  
4 IS PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO THE 20 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WILL BE IN  
5 THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT 10 MONTHS, COME FORWARD AND MAKE A  
6 PRESENTATION TO OUR SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BURKE? (OFF-MIKE) BEHALF OF THE YOUTH  
9 BUILD POLICY COMMITTEE. (OFF-MIKE)

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. KEEP UP THE GOOD  
14 WORK. THERE ARE TWO YOUNG LADIES IN THE BACK. WE'LL HAVE TO  
15 GET THEM UP HERE. LADIES, COME ON IN HERE. BACK THERE HIDING.  
16 THE SAME YOUNG MAN KEEPS HIDING. COME ON UP HERE. THERE WE GO.  
17 [ INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ] OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD  
18 WORK.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL GO AHEAD AND BEGIN THE  
21 REGULAR AGENDA. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE FIRST ON  
22 SPECIALS. I WOULD LIKE THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT ITEM NUMBER  
23 6 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ITEM NUMBER 6 WILL BE  
24 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ZEV?

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, OKAY. I'M JUST TRACKING YOU HERE. MR.  
2   CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
3   CHRISTOPHER REEVE, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND. AND I  
4   THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT HE'S A GREAT ACTOR, FIRST OF ALL, AND  
5   PERSONALITY BUT REALLY HIS GREATEST CONTRIBUTION WAS PROBABLY  
6   AFTER HE SUFFERED A PARALYZING ACCIDENT RIDING ON HORSEBACK  
7   AND BECAME A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR RESEARCH AND HOPE FOR  
8   CURES, HOPEFULLY, ONE DAY TO HAVE CURES TO THESE HERETOFORE  
9   LIFELONG IMPACTS OF SPINAL INJURIES, SPINAL CORD INJURIES AND  
10   THE LIKE. HE WAS A GREAT SPOKESMAN, HE-- AND SET A GREAT  
11   EXAMPLE AND, ALTHOUGH HE LIVED IN NEW YORK, HE REALLY WAS A  
12   CITIZEN OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS  
13   MEMORY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DANA, AND OTHER FAMILY  
14   MEMBERS.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS. AND, ZEV, I WOULD JUST  
17   ADD THAT, I KNOW THAT, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NEVER ABLE TO VISIT  
18   THE FACILITY, HE WAS A GREAT ENCOURAGER AND GREAT MENTOR TO A  
19   LOT OF FOLKS OUT AT RANCHO AND THE MIRACLES THAT THOSE FOLKS  
20   DO EACH AND EVERY DAY, TOO. AND HE BROUGHT A LOT OF SPARK AND  
21   HOPE TO ALL PEOPLE SO, ALL MEMBERS.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAD HELD A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS,  
24   MR. CHAIRMAN. IF I CAN START WITH ITEM NUMBER 50, WHICH IS THE  
25   ISSUE OF THE TRAIL-- THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



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1 MOTION BY MR. ANTONOVICH FOR TRAILS CREW AND I-- IS THE  
2 DEPARTMENT HERE? CAN WE ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD? ROSS, I-- MY  
3 STAFF WAS INQUIRING THIS MORNING ABOUT THE COST OF PREVIOUS  
4 TRAIL CLEARANCES AND THERE WAS A WIDE DISPARITY. I'M NOT  
5 SUGGESTING THAT I HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION BUT THAT'S WHY I  
6 WANTED TO ASK YOU UP HERE. THAT LAST YEAR, OR MAYBE IT'S THIS  
7 YEAR, OF ALL THE REQUIRED-- THERE WERE TWO TRAILS THAT WERE  
8 CITED FOR OVERGROWTH THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT PAID THE  
9 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION \$6,400 TO CLEAR THOSE TWO TRAILS AND  
10 BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE.

11

12 **ROSS GUINEY:** AND THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE ARE NOW BEING ASKED TO APPROPRIATE  
15 \$269,000. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE DISPARITY? I MEAN, I'M SURE  
16 THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO TRAILS BUT ARE THERE THAT MANY MORE  
17 TRAILS THAT FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY?

18

19 **ROSS GUINEY:** YES, THERE ARE, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY ARE THERE?

22

23 **ROSS GUINEY:** WE HAVE 134 MILES OF TRAILS, AND ALL OF THE  
24 TRAILS ARE SLOWLY SLIDING TO THIS CONDITION. WE'VE HAD  
25 ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR BRUSH CLEARANCE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF



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1 THE FIRE CONCERNS OF THE LAST TWO YEARS AND, WHEN WE LOST  
2 THESE POSITIONS A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WE TRIED TO MAKE UP THE  
3 TRAIL CREW. WE HAD NINE POSITIONS THAT WERE LOST AND TRIED TO  
4 SHIFT THAT WORK TO OTHER PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND WE WERE  
5 JUST NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THAT AND THAT'S WHAT RESULTED IN  
6 THESE TWO CITATIONS BUT WE HAVE OTHER TRAIL CLEARANCE PROJECTS  
7 THAT ARE CLOSE TO THAT OR THAT ARE SUFFERING SLOW  
8 DETERIORATION OF THE TRAIL TREAD, EROSION, FENCING ALONG THE  
9 TRAILS THAT NEEDS TO BE KEPT UP. WE HAVE TRAILS WHERE...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT KIND OF TRAILS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?  
12 HIKING TRAILS OR RIDING TRAILS?

13

14 **ROSS GUINEY:** YEAH, THESE ARE RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO WHAT IS THE CONNECTION WITH FIRE  
17 SAFETY HERE?

18

19 **ROSS GUINEY:** WE ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAR ALONG ALL OUR EASEMENTS,  
20 AND WHERE OUR EASEMENTS ABUT HOMES...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE TRAILS  
23 ISSUE, IS THAT?

24

25 **ROSS GUINEY:** PARDON ME?



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE TRAILS  
3 ISSUE?

4

5 **ROSS GUINEY:** NO, OUR TRAIL CREW TRADITIONALLY CLEARS THOSE  
6 AREAS AS PART OF THE TRAIL WORK. THE TRAILS, THE EASEMENTS ARE  
7 SIGNIFICANTLY WIDER THAN THE TRAIL IN MOST CASES AND, WHERE  
8 THOSE EASEMENTS ABUT ALONG HOMES, WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO THE  
9 200-FOOT CLEARANCE FROM THE HOMES INTO THE EASEMENT. SO WE  
10 HAVE TO CLEAR ALONG OUR TRAIL BUT, IF THERE'S AN ADJACENT  
11 HOME, SAY, A HUNDRED FEET AWAY FROM THAT TRAIL, WE WOULD HAVE  
12 TO CLEAR THE ENTIRE AREA BETWEEN THE TRAIL AND THE HOME  
13 BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS THAT EASEMENT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE ARE THESE TRAILS? WHAT PART OF THE  
16 COUNTY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? IS THIS ANY PARTICULAR AREA-- IS  
17 IT PRIMARILY IN THE NORTH COUNTY?

18

19 **ROSS GUINEY:** MAINLY IN THE SAN GABRIEL FOOTHILLS ARE THE AREAS  
20 WHERE WE HAVE MOST OF THESE, THE ALTADENA CREST TRAIL, THE LA  
21 CANADA FLINTRIDGE TRAIL, BUT ALSO WALNUT CREEK TRAIL, MARSHALL  
22 CANYON IN BONELLI PARK. IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, WE HAVE  
23 SCHABARUM SKYLINE TRAIL, 72ND STREET ARENA TRAILS. THOSE ARE  
24 THE ONES THAT HAVE MOST OF THE BRUSH PROBLEMS. WE DO A VERY  
25 SMALL AMOUNT OF CLEARANCE IN YOUR DISTRICT, AT SALK



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1 UNIVERSITY, I THINK THE TRAIL CREW, THERE'S ONE COUNTY TRAIL  
2 IN THAT AREA BUT THEN ALSO THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER, RIO HONDO  
3 RIVER IN THE FIRST-- THOSE DON'T HAVE THE BRUSH PROBLEMS. IT'S  
4 MAINLY THE SAN GABRIEL FOOTHILLS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, YOU DON'T CLEAR ON SALK UNIVERSITY'S  
7 PROPERTY?

8

9 **ROSS GUINEY:** NO BUT THERE'S A TRAIL NEAR THERE, I THINK, THAT  
10 THE COUNTY HAS AN EASEMENT OVER THAT WE MAINTAIN. BUT MAINLY  
11 THE SAN GABRIEL FOOTHILLS ARE THE AREAS WHERE THE BRUSH  
12 CLEARANCE IS A CONCERN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT CHEAPER FOR YOU TO DO IT THAN IT IS TO  
15 DO IT THROUGH THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION?

16

17 **ROSS GUINEY:** YES, IT IS, IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE MUCH MORE  
18 FLEXIBILITY, WE CAN SEND OUR CREWS TO DIFFERENT AREAS. IF  
19 WE'RE CONTRACTING WITH THE AG COMMISSION, IT'S FOR A SPECIFIC  
20 PROJECT, IT GIVES US LESS FLEXIBILITY, WE HAVE TO GO ON THEIR  
21 TIME SCHEDULE. WE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR CREW  
22 IN OTHER AREAS TO SUPPORT OTHER THINGS, LIKE THE TREAD, IT  
23 WOULD BE MAINLY THE...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LIKE WHAT?



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2 **ROSS GUINEY:** THE TRAIL TREAD, THE SURFACE OF THE TRAIL,  
3 RESTORING EROSION. THEIR CREWS FOCUS ON THE BRUSH CLEARANCE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU REQUEST THIS MONEY IN YOUR BUDGET  
6 DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. JANSSEN?

7

8 **ROSS GUINEY:** I BELIEVE IT WAS REQUESTED...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU RECALL, SHARON, WHETHER THIS WAS ONE  
11 OF THE REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
12 MADE?

13

14 **SHARON:** NOT SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR, NO. IT CAME UP...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T RECALL?

17

18 **SHARON:** NO, I DON'T RECALL.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU FIND OUT?

21

22 **SHARON:** YES.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND, IN THE MEANTIME, LET'S EITHER JUST HOLD  
2   THIS FOR A FEW MINUTES. WE'LL GO ONTO SOME ANOTHER ITEMS. I'D  
3   LIKE, I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THIS IS AND...

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT GALLAGHER DID PUT IT IN  
6   BUT THE C.A.O. TOOK IT OUT.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET'S FIND OUT. I JUST WANT TO FIND  
9   OUT.

10

11   **SHARON:** WE'LL CHECK IT.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE MEANTIME, MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME CALL  
14   UP ITEM NUMBER 3, PROP 67. I MOVE IT. WE DON'T NEED TO DEBATE  
15   THIS FOR AN HOUR BUT I WOULD MOVE IT AND TAKE A VOTE.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST WILL BE RECORDED AS A "NO" VOTE. WE  
18   DO HAVE SOME PEOPLE THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. DR. FELIX NUNEZ,  
19   DEBORAH WARD, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND DR. DANIEL HIGGINS ARE  
20   THE FIRST FOUR.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, I DIDN'T REALIZE WE  
23   HAD A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE. I'D, JUST FOR THE RECORD, JUST  
24   SAY THAT THIS IS A MOTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 67, WHICH



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1 WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING ON A STATEWIDE BASIS FOR TRAUMA AND  
2 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND THAT'S...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THIS IS UNRELATED BUT MAY BE RELATED. I'M  
9 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS INITIATIVE AND I REALLY THINK THAT IT  
10 SPEAKS MIGHTILY THAT THIS COUNTY SHOULD GET BEHIND IT. BUT I  
11 ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS ANOTHER ISSUE BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE A  
12 LOT OF RUMORS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW ABOUT PEOPLE TRYING TO CALL  
13 FOR THE RESIGNATION OF DR. TOM GARTHWAITE AND I THINK IT'S  
14 IMPORTANT FOR US TO STATE THAT, AT LEAST FOR MYSELF, THAT DR.  
15 GARTHWAITE IS DOING AN EFFECTIVE JOB WHEN IT COMES TO OUR  
16 ISSUE OF TRAUMA. THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE CRITICIZING HIM, AS  
17 WELL AS OURSELVES, FOR THE FACT THAT WE'RE POTENTIALLY LOOKING  
18 AT THE CLOSING OF THE KING TRAUMA FACILITY BUT, FOR THE MOST  
19 PART, WE ARE TRYING TO STABILIZE IT, MADE ON THE  
20 RECOMMENDATION OF DR. GARTHWAITE, AND I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT  
21 SOME PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE CALLING FOR HIS OUSTERS WHEN  
22 HE'S BEEN TRYING TO DO ALL THAT HE CAN PUTTING TOGETHER, IN  
23 PLACE, HOPEFULLY, THE KIND OF MANAGEMENT THAT IS GOING TO  
24 START CHANGING THE CULTURE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING SO IT CAN  
25 HAVE THE KIND OF INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY AS ALL OF OTHER



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1 FACILITIES SHOULD HAVE. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THAT  
2 I'M CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING CARRIED AWAY WITH--  
3 BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE CALLED FOR HIS OUSTER  
4 INSTEAD OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. I JUST WANT TO STATE, FOR  
5 MYSELF, THAT DR. GARTHWAITE MADE A STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO  
6 US. WE ARE SADDENED BY THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO CLOSE DOWN A  
7 TRAUMA FACILITY BUT WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO  
8 EXPAND THOSE TRAUMA RESOURCES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND THIS  
9 INITIATIVE GOES IN CONCERT WITH IT BECAUSE WE NEED TO GET SO  
10 MANY MORE TRAUMA FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO US AND NOT JUST RELY  
11 ON THE COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM TO BE THERE. BUT I DO-- I DID WANT  
12 TO MENTION THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. THERE'S A LOT  
13 OF RUMORS GOING ON AND I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT SOME OF  
14 US SHOULD SPEAK UP AND ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, BECAUSE I THINK  
15 IT IS VERY INAPPROPRIATE AND UNFAIR, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AS  
16 THOUGH THERE'S SOME EXPECTATION THAT THERE IS A MOVE TO OUST  
17 DR. GARTHWAITE. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO BE CLEAR THAT THAT IS NOT  
18 THE CASE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. NUNEZ FIRST AND THEN  
21 DEBORAH. TWO MINUTES.

22

23 **DR. FELIX L. NUNEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. MY NAME IS  
24 DR. FELIX NUNEZ, I'M CURRENTLY THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 SOUTH CENTRAL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY



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1 CLINIC SERVING SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 20 YEARS.  
2 I'M REPRESENTED THERE BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE. I DO  
3 CURRENTLY RESIDE IN SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, AND AM  
4 REPRESENTED THERE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND GREW UP IN EL  
5 CERINO, CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AND I WAS REPRESENTED THERE BY  
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD TODAY IN FULL  
7 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION TO HAVE THE BOARD  
8 OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT FULLY PROPOSITION 67. I AM SO CONCERNED  
9 RIGHT NOW KNOWING SO FULLY WELL HOW IMPORTANT EMERGENCY  
10 HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES ARE AS THE BACKBONE  
11 OF A GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
12 ANGELES. AND I'M SO CONCERNED RIGHT NOW AS TO THE CUTS THAT  
13 WE'RE FACING STATEWIDE AND EVEN WITH THE COUNTY, THE  
14 SHORTFALLS THERE WERE COMING. AND I'M TRYING TO COME HERE  
15 BEFORE YOU TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO  
16 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IN HIS MOTION AND I'M HERE  
17 ALONG WITH DEBRA WARD TO ASK THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
18 THIS UNANIMOUSLY AND REALLY SHORE UP OUR CURRENT EMERGENCY AND  
19 PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES.

22

23 **DEBRA WARD:** THANK YOU. TO THE BOARD, MY NAME IS DEBRA WARD,  
24 I'M WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION. WE REPRESENT 42  
25 NONPROFIT INDEPENDENT CLINICS IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE



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1 UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY PROPOSITION 67.  
2 CLINICS KNOW, LIKE DR. NUNEZ SPOKE TO, CLINICS KNOW-- ARE ON  
3 THE FRONT LINE AND KNOW VERY WELL THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF AN  
4 INADEQUATE AND STRAINED EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM. \$150  
5 MILLION WILL COME TO L.A. COUNTY ALONE THAT WILL HELP TO KEEP  
6 OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS, OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS AND TRAUMA CENTERS  
7 INTACT IN THE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS  
8 MEASURE WILL HELP WITH THE LONG WAITING TIMES AND THE HOURS IT  
9 TAKES TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY CARE AT THIS TIME. I LIVE IN THE  
10 FIFTH DISTRICT PERSONALLY. THE CLOSURE OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL  
11 HAS HAD DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEM IN THE  
12 PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL AREA. YOU'RE NOTING THE DIFFERENT  
13 HOSPITALS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH CLOSURE NOW WITH MARTIN  
14 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, MANY OF THE HOSPITALS IN NORTHRIDGE AND  
15 EAST L.A. THIS YEAR ALONE, THERE'S BEEN FOUR HOSPITALS THAT  
16 HAVE CLOSED IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. WE, COLLECTIVELY, AS  
17 CLINICS, SUPPORT THIS ISSUE. THERE ARE SOME FUNDS THAT WILL BE  
18 DIRECTED TO CLINICS SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO DO WHAT THEY  
19 DO BEST AND THAT'S PRIMARY CARE, PREVENTIVE CARE AND EPISODIC  
20 CARE AND TRYING TO KEEP THE EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR WHAT THEY DO  
21 BETTER-- BEST, FOR TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY CARE. SO, WITH THAT, I  
22 URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 67. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU, GENEVIEVE, I JUST  
25 WANT TO MAKE SURE, BECAUSE A COUPLE OF YOU HAVE MADE CROSS-



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1 REFERENCE AND IT'S SORT OF BEEN CROSS-GERMINATED HERE BY  
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA ABOUT THE WHOLE M.L.K. ISSUE. THAT TRAUMA  
3 ISSUE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BUDGET. THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO  
4 WITH DOLLARS. AND SO THERE'S NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAT  
5 PROPOSITION AND THE SITUATION. I MEAN, JUST SO THAT THAT'S  
6 CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF  
7 M.L.K. AT THE TRAUMA UNIT AS A BUDGET ISSUE. IT'S AN ISSUE OF  
8 TRYING TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL. GENEVIEVE?

9

10 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, LIKE MY MOM-- GOOD AFTERNOON-- I  
11 MEAN, GOOD MORNING-- AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JE SUIS  
12 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AFTER THE COMMENT OF MRS.-- YOU KNOW,  
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MY MOTHER WOULD MAKE THE COMMENT, IT'S  
14 BETTER TO HEAR THAT THAN BEING DEAF, BECAUSE WHAT SHE EXPRESS  
15 IS REVOLTING BUT, IN SOME WAY, I DISAGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE. ON MEASURE B, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE GIVE YOU  
17 OUR TRUST THAT, IF WE AGREE TO HAVE THE MONEY RAISED, NONE OF  
18 THE TRAUMA CENTERS WILL BE TOUCHED. AND IT SPECIFICALLY SAYS  
19 EXISTING TRAUMA CENTER AND FUTURE TRAUMA CENTERS. YOU GIVE US  
20 YOUR WORD. WE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE TAX AND YOU HAVE NOT  
21 CHOOSING THE MONEY THE WAY YOU HAVE SPELLED OUT. I THINK, AT  
22 THIS POINT OF THE GAME, TO GIVE YOU ANY MORE MONEY, ANY FORM,  
23 SHAPE WILL BE ABSURD. I URGE EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY TO VOTE  
24 "NO" TO 67. YOU NEED TO, AGAIN, EARN OUR TRUST. AND FAVORITE  
25 WORD OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE OWNERSHIP





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1 ON THE PROBLEMS AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. YOU ARE THE  
2 LEADER. IS WORSE NOW THAN IT WAS 11 MONTHS AGO, PRIOR TO THE  
3 TIME WE SPEND MONEY, MILLIONS. YOU SHOULD TAKE OWNERSHIP OF  
4 YOUR MISTAKES AND I WOULD HAVE NEVER BROUGHT THAT SUBJECT IF  
5 YOU HADN'T HAVE BROUGHT IT UP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW PART OF THE PLAN IS TO  
8 OPEN UP FOUR ADDITIONAL TRAUMA CENTERS? SO IT'S-- OKAY.

9

10 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SHE MADE THE PLAN ON THE WORDING THAT WE  
11 ARE CLOSING THE UNIT. [INDISTINCT VOICE].

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** [ UNINTELLIGIBLE ]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. HIGGINS THEN I'M GOING TO  
16 ASK ELIZABETH BENSON-- IS IT FOR? OR FORER TO JOIN US AS WELL  
17 AS MIKE PFEIFFER.

18

19 **DAVE PRUITT:** HI, DAVE PRUITT, ON BEHALF OF DR. DANIEL HIGGINS,  
20 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF  
21 OUR 6,000 PHYSICIANS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW  
22 THAT WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF PROP 67. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ELIZABETH AND MIKE, IF  
25 YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE.



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2 **ELIZABETH BENSON FORER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ELIZABETH BENSON  
3 FORER AND I'M THE C.E.O. AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VENICE  
4 FAMILY CLINIC. WE PROVIDE FREE HEALTH SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH  
5 LOW INCOMES AND NO HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE WEST SIDE OF LOS  
6 ANGELES AND WE PROVIDE CARE TO 20,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY.  
7 PROPOSITION 67 IS A GOOD DEAL FOR EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TOGETHER TO BRING HEALTHCARE TO  
9 PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OTHER ACCESS TO CARE. IN MY COMMUNITY, I  
10 SERVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARDS OF THREE LOCAL HOSPITALS. EACH OF  
11 THESE HOSPITALS HAS EMERGENCY ROOMS. EACH SERVES THEIR  
12 COMMUNITY, AND EACH IS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.  
13 NEARBY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEDICAL CENTER WILL BE CLOSING.  
14 PROPOSITION 67 WOULD BRING \$150 MILLION ANNUALLY TO LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. THESE FUNDS WILL MEAN THAT  
16 OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS, HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS WILL STAY  
17 OPEN. THESE FUNDS WILL ALSO MEAN THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OTHER  
18 ACCESS TO CARE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE A DOCTOR. PLEASE SUPPORT  
19 PROPOSITION 67, THE EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL SERVICES INITIATIVE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE?

22

23 **MIKE PFEIFFER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M MIKE PFEIFFER  
24 WITH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION. IT'S A  
25 NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS WHO ARE WORKING ALONGSIDE



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1 NURSING STAFF AND PARAMEDIC UNITS IN OUR HOSPITALS FROM ONE  
2 END OF THE COUNTY TO THE OTHER, SAVING LIVES. WE ENDORSE THIS  
3 INITIATIVE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ENDORSEMENT OF THIS  
4 INITIATIVE. WE FEEL THAT IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP  
5 ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IS AVAILABLE WHEN  
6 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL NEED IT MOST. WE SEE IT KEEPING  
7 LOCAL HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND TRAUMA CENTERS OPEN  
8 IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NOT ONLY OUR COUNTY BUT OUR STATE.  
9 IT WILL UPGRADE OUR 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND  
10 PROVIDES EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS  
11 WHO NEED IT VERY BADLY TO RESPOND FIRST TO EMERGENCIES. IT  
12 SUPPORTS LOCAL HEALTH CLINICS SO OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND  
13 TRAUMA CENTERS CAN BE RESERVED FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES. I  
14 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR  
17 BURKE?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHEN THIS CAME UP  
20 BEFORE BECAUSE I HAD SEEN THE-- SOME OF THE STATISTICS THAT  
21 HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY THE NAACP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT,  
22 DISPROPORTIONATELY, AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND YOUNG PEOPLE USED  
23 CELL PHONES AS THEIR PRIMARY PHONE AND THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT  
24 REALLY HAS CONCERNED ME AND I ASKED FOR SOME KIND OF RESPONSE  
25 ON THOSE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT



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1 HAD RAISED THOSE ISSUES AND I THINK IT WAS REALLY SBC THAT HAD  
2 RAISED IT AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHER TELEPHONE COMPANIES. I  
3 DID NOT RECEIVE THAT. SO I HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT HAS REALLY  
4 VERIFIED THIS. I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT PROBABLY YOUNG PEOPLE  
5 AND MINORITIES TEND TO USE, DISPROPORTIONATELY, THE CELL PHONE  
6 AS THEIR PRIMARY PHONE. AND THE SAME KIND OF LIMITATION IS NOT  
7 PROVIDED FOR CELL PHONES THAT IS PROVIDED FOR OTHER PHONES. I  
8 AM GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS AND SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BUT I DO  
9 THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT  
10 ON THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY IT THE LEAST AND THAT'S YOUNG  
11 PEOPLE AND MINORITIES. AND IF IT DOES SHOW THAT THERE'S AN  
12 IMPACT, DISPROPORTIONATELY, ON THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY IT  
13 THE LEAST, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COME BACK WITH ANOTHER MOTION,  
14 ANOTHER PROPOSITION, THAT GOES ON THE BALLOT THAT WILL CLARIFY  
15 THAT AND MAKE SOME KIND OF ADJUSTMENT TO THE PRESENT FORMULA.  
16 SO I'M SUPPORTING IT BUT I DO WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING  
17 THAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE HAVE  
18 SOME FOLLOW-THROUGH IN TERMS OF WHAT THE IMPACT IS OF THIS  
19 PROPOSITION, IF IT PASSES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ROLL CALL.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? BEFORE YOU DO THAT, I JUST  
2   WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON SOMETHING MS. MOLINA SAID JUST-- AND  
3   YOU...

4  
5   **SUP. BURKE:** OH, I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY.

6  
7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE USE  
8   THE OPPORTUNITY-- EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO TRY TO BRING  
9   THE LEVEL OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DISTINCTIONS  
10  BETWEEN VARIOUS SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE AND I'VE BEEN VERY  
11  FRUSTRATED AT THE CONFUSION, AND IT'S A EASY CONFUSION  
12  RELATING TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL SITUATION AND  
13  TRAUMA. MOST PEOPLE, I DON'T THINK, MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
14  TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY CARE. I KNOW I DIDN'T BEFORE I BECAME A  
15  COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND PROBABLY FOR A FEW YEARS AFTER I BECAME  
16  A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. BUT THERE IS A VERY CLEAR DISTINCTION  
17  BETWEEN TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY CARE. TAKE THAT HOSPITAL IN  
18  PARTICULAR, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ABOUT 4% OF THE ACTIVITY AT  
19  THE HOSPITAL IS TRAUMA. THE OTHER 96% IS EMERGENCY AND THE  
20  OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE HOSPITAL. AND I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY  
21  REPLICATED AT MOST OF OUR TRAUMA CENTERS. THE PROBLEM, AS YOU  
22  SAID, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE PROBLEM AT M.L.K. IS NOT A FINANCIAL  
23  ONE. IT'S A COMPETENCE ISSUE. IT'S ALL KINDS OF THINGS BUT  
24  IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MONEY. IF IT WERE MONEY ALONE, IT WOULD  
25  HAVE BEEN FIXED A LONG TIME AGO. BUT IN THE CONNECTION WITH



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1 PROPOSITION 67, THE REST OF THE TRAUMA NETWORK AND EMERGENCY  
2 MEDICAL SERVICES NETWORK -- AND THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT  
3 THINGS, THEY'RE INTERRELATED BUT THEY'RE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS  
4 -- IS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE STATEWIDE. WE'RE SEEING IT HERE IN  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHEN TENET SELLS A DOZEN HOSPITALS IN OUR  
6 COUNTY AND WE HAVE A HEARING TONIGHT, ROBERT E. KENNEDY, AS  
7 MISS FORER SAID, ROBERT F. KENNEDY HOSPITAL IN HAWTHORNE, AND  
8 TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO A HEARING AT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
9 SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY WHERE THEY ARE CONDUCTING A  
10 HEARING ON THE CLOSURE OF NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL AND SHERMAN WAY  
11 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THESE ARE FINANCIAL ISSUES AND--  
12 IN THE BROADER SENSE AND WE NEED TO-- WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO  
13 JUGGLE TWO THINGS OR, IN OUR CASE, ABOUT A HUNDRED THINGS ALL  
14 AT THE SAME TIME. THIS MEASURE, 67, IS DESIGNED TO TRY TO  
15 ADDRESS SOME OF THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE BEFALLEN  
16 MANY OF OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND, HOPEFULLY, I'M  
17 NOT SURE WHAT THE PROSPECTS WILL BE, BUT, IF IT GETS APPROVED  
18 ON ELECTION DAY, WE CAN HOPEFULLY BRING SOME STABILITY TO THE  
19 HOSPITAL SITUATION, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DELIVERY  
20 SITUATION NOT JUST THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, IN FACT, LEAST OF ALL  
21 THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, BUT THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS WHICH ARE A  
22 PARTNER IN PROVIDING THESE CRITICAL SERVICES. AND, YOU KNOW--  
23 ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL.

24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?



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**SUP. BURKE:** I HAD JUST ONE FURTHER ISSUE I'D LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT. THIS ISSUE WAS RAISED TODAY, THAT MEASURE B PROVIDED THAT THERE COULD BE NO DIMINUTION IN COUNTY TRAUMA CENTERS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I READ, AND I BELIEVE IT IS CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS RAISED THAT ISSUE AND INDICATED THAT WE HAD TAKEN OR PROPOSED TAKING ILLEGAL ACTION BECAUSE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THAT PROPOSITION. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU REPORT BACK TO US, UNLESS YOU'RE PREPARED TO REPORT ON THAT AT THIS POINT, AND IF IT'S POTENTIAL LITIGATION, JUST TO BE CLEAR, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THAT TO BE IN CLOSED SESSION TO REPORT BACK ON THAT ISSUE. IF IT IS-- WHEN PEOPLE SAY SOMETHING IS ILLEGAL, ORDINARILY, THEY MEAN THAT THEY'RE GETTING READY TO FILE A LAWSUIT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON THAT ISSUE.

17

**RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE WILL REPORT BACK ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF MEASURE B AND WE CAN ADDRESS IN THAT REPORT FOR YOU AT THAT TIME THE APPROPRIATENESS OF A CLOSED SESSION OR WHETHER OUR REPORT WOULD COVER THE ISSUES FOR YOU.

23

**SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THE COUNTY HAS A SEVERE PROBLEM  
6    NOW WITH OVERLOAD ON THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM. WE'RE LOOKING AT SOME  
7    OTHER TYPE OF SYSTEM FOR OTHER TYPES OF EMERGENCY CALLS. HOW  
8    WOULD THIS PROPOSAL IMPACT THOSE ABILITIES TO UPGRADE 9-1-1?  
9    ASK THE C.A.O.?

10

11    **SHARON HARPER:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT PROPOSITION...

12

13    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPOSITION THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
14    TODAY, HOW WOULD THAT IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO UPGRADE 9-1-1?

15

16    **SHARON HARPER:** I'M NOT SURE, SUPERVISOR. I'D HAVE TO TAKE A  
17    LOOK AT THAT.

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THE-- THERE HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUALS IN  
20    THE COMMUNITY SAYING THAT IT HAS A SEVERE IMPACT. THAT'S WHY I  
21    WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE COUNTY'S ANALYSIS OF THAT BECAUSE OF  
22    OUR RESPONSIBILITY ENSURING THAT 9-1-1 IS ABLE TO FUNCTION.  
23    HOW MUCH OF THE \$9 MILLION IN THE PROP 99 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR  
24    OUR TRAUMA SERVICES WOULD BE LOST IF THIS INITIATIVE IS  
25    PASSED?



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2   **SHARON HARPER:** OKAY. THE PROP 67 WOULD INCREASE THE 9-1-1  
3   SURCHARGE BY 3% ON THE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE AND AN ADDITIONAL  
4   50 CENTS PER MONTH AS A CAP FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SENIOR  
5   CITIZENS WHO RECEIVE LIFE LINE. I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH WOULD BE  
6   LOST FROM THIS BUT THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION WOULD BE-- I THINK  
7   WE HAVE A FIGURE IN HERE FOR THE 9-1-1 ACCOUNT, WOULD BE 75  
8   CENTS OR \$4 MILLION TO THE EXISTING 9-1-1 ACCOUNT.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
11   SERVICES' EXISTING TOBACCO COMMUNITY CONTRACTS ENFORCEMENT AND  
12   MEDIA PROGRAMS BE IMPACTED BY THE 9-1-1 INITIATIVE?

13

14   **SHARON HARPER:** I DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T HAVE AN  
15   ANSWER ON THAT ONE.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU KNOW OF OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WOULD BE  
18   IMPACTED IF PROP 99'S MILLION DOLLARS IS ELIMINATED AND HOW  
19   THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL COVER THOSE COSTS FOR THOSE  
20   PROGRAMS?

21

22   **SHARON HARPER:** NO. I'D HAVE TO GET THAT INFORMATION FROM THE  
23   DEPARTMENT.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE WE GUARANTEED THAT, IF THE PETITION FOR  
2   THE STATE MATTIE FUNDS, THAT THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE 100%  
3   OF THE 9.6 MILLION DOLLARS IN MATTIE FUNDS BACK TO THE STATE?

4

5   **SHARON HARPER:** NO, I DON'T-- I DON'T HAVE THAT, EITHER.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS PROPOSAL HAS NO CEILING FOR SENIORS,  
8   I UNDERSTAND, SO NOT ALL SENIORS WILL QUALIFY?

9

10   **SHARON HARPER:** IT'S 50 CENTS PER MONTH FOR THE LIFE LINE  
11   SENIORS. IT DOES HAVE A CEILING, YES. IT'S ONLY THE LIFE LINE  
12   SENIORS.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONLY-- BUT...

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE ONLY CEILING IS THE LIFE LINE.

17

18   **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT SENIORS WHO ARE NOT ON LIFE LINE ARE NOT  
21   EXEMPT?

22

23   **SHARON HARPER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE ARE 1.3 MILLION SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS  
2    IN CALIFORNIA WHO WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR LIFE LINE?

3

4    **SHARON HARPER:** CORRECT.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS.  
7    I MEAN, I WOULD JUST ADD, I MEAN, I CAN COUNT QUICKLY, TOO,  
8    YOU KNOW, I HEARD THREE "YES" VOTES. BUT, I MEAN, ON THE OTHER  
9    HAND, MANY OF US SUPPORTED 172 STATEWIDE AND YOU KNOW WHAT  
10    HAPPENED TO 172. INSTEAD OF ENHANCING SOMETHING, IT BECAME A  
11    SUPPLEMENT. AND THERE'S NO GUARANTEES WITHIN THIS PROVISION OF  
12    PROP 67 THE SAME THING IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THIS AS  
13    WELL, TOO, SO, WITH THAT, A ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

14

15    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE

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19    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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21    **SUP. BURKE:** AYE

22

23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

24

25    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTION CARRIES, 3-TO-2.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ZEV?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU READY ON THE OTHER ITEM?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE READY ON ITEM 50. I GOT A NOTE HANDED  
17 TO ME.

18

19 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO BACK TO ITEM 50 THEN.

22

23 **SHARON HARPER:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. THE DEPARTMENT DID  
24 IDENTIFY THE TRAILS AS ONE OF THEIR CRITICAL NEEDS TO BE



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1 FUNDED IN THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET. WE DID NOT MAKE THAT  
2 RECOMMENDATION...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH DID THEY ASK FOR?

5

6 **SHARON HARPER:** THEY ASKED FOR A FULL RESTITUTION. WHAT WAS  
7 GRANTED IN THE BUDGET WAS \$144,000 FOR THREE POSITIONS BUT  
8 THEY...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS A FULL RESTITUTION? HOW MUCH MONEY  
11 IS THAT? DO YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION THERE?

12

13 **SHARON HARPER:** LET'S SEE. \$420,000.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU GAVE THEM A HUNDRED AND SOMETHING  
16 THOUSAND DOLLARS?

17

18 **SHARON HARPER:** THEY USED IT FROM THEIR EXISTING RESOURCES.  
19 THEY REPRIORITIZED IN ORDER TO CREATE 144,000.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO DOES THIS 300-- MORE THAN \$300,000 BRING  
22 THEM TO FULL RESTITUTION?

23

24 **SHARON HARPER:** THEY WILL STILL BE SHORT ONE POSITION OVER WHAT  
25 WE CUT IN '03/'04.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS AN ANNUALIZED FIGURE? IS THIS WHAT  
3 IT TAKES TO PAY FOR IT FOR A WHOLE YEAR OR IS THIS JUST WHAT  
4 IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO PAY FOR IT FOR SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS,  
5 WHICH IS ALL WE CAN...

6

7 **SHARON HARPER:** IT'S ANNUALIZED. IT'S ANNUALIZED.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO APPROPRIATE  
10 ONLY THAT MUCH MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY TO FINISH THIS FISCAL  
11 YEAR AT THIS LEVEL?

12

13 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH WOULD THAT BE? WE'RE NOW-- IT'S  
16 OCTOBER 12TH. WOULD IT BE SEVEN MONTHS' WORTH?

17

18 **SHARON HARPER:** SEVEN MONTHS OF THE FULL AMOUNT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT WE AMEND  
21 THIS TO PROVIDE THIS LEVEL OF FUNDING BUT FOR SEVEN MONTHS,  
22 AND THEN YOU CAN DEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE NEXT  
23 YEAR'S BUDGET.

24

25 **SHARON HARPER:** WILL DO.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S YOUR  
3 ITEM, YOUR RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO DO SEVEN  
4 MONTHS' FUNDING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND THEN DEAL  
5 WITH IT NEXT YEAR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WILL FULLY FUND IT FOR THE REMAINDER OF  
8 THE YEAR, I MIGHT ADD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THIS WILL FULLY FUND IT FOR THE REMAINDER  
11 OF THE YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE WILL HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, TO BE  
14 REALISTIC, HAVE THIS OPERATION CONTINUE BECAUSE OF THE LARGE  
15 NUMBER OF FIRES THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE EVERY YEAR FROM---  
16 IT'S ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'LL DEAL WITH THAT IN THE NEXT BUDGET.  
19 YOU SHOULD HAVE TO DO, ANYWAY. THAT'S ALL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE SEVEN  
22 MONTHS, FULL FUNDING-- THE REMAINDER OF FULL FUNDING, COULD BE  
23 PLUS OR MINUS SEVEN MONTHS, AND PLUS, AS WELL AS THE 58,000  
24 FOR THE ONE-TIME \_\_\_\_\_ PURCHASE?

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT, CORRECT.

2

3    **SHARON HARPER:** CORRECT.

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
8    BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BELIEVE THERE IS-- I WAS GOING TO ASK ON  
11   51-C, ON THE FLU VACCINES, IS THERE SOMEBODY FROM THE  
12   DEPARTMENT WHO CAN ANSWER A QUESTION OR TWO? JOHN, WHILE  
13   YOU'RE WALKING UP THERE, I'LL ASK, THIS \$900,000 THAT YOU'RE  
14   REQUESTING IS TO-- EXCLUSIVELY TO PURCHASE FLU VACCINES IF YOU  
15   CAN FIND IT? IS THAT WHAT I-- HOW I UNDERSTAND THIS?

16

17   **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S RIGHT. 1,000 WOULD BE FOR PROCESSING OR  
18   ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, 899,000 WOULD BE FOR THE VACCINE ITSELF.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS THIS REIMBURSED BY THE C.D.C. OR BY  
21   SOMEBODY? THIS IS OUT OF OUR HIDE?

22

23   **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NOT LIKELY. YES.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH-- HOW MANY VACCINES CAN YOU GET FOR  
2   \$900,000? ASSUMING THEY'RE AVAILABLE.

3

4   **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** POTENTIALLY ABOUT-- DOSES FOR ABOUT 800-- I  
5   MEAN 80,000 DOSES.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT-- THIS IS OVER AND  
8   ABOVE-- DIDN'T YOU HAVE FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
9   VACCINES BEFORE THE CHIRON THING WENT SOUTH ON YOU?

10

11   **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** LET ME GO BACK THROUGH THE NUMBERS JUST A  
12   MOMENT. THE STATE WAS GOING TO GIVE US A HUNDRED THOUSAND AND  
13   EIGHT-- 108,000 DOSES OF ADULT VACCINE AND ABOUT 16,000 DOSES  
14   OF CHILDREN'S VACCINE. THEY WERE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT AND  
15   GIVE IT TO US. WE HAD ORDERED 30,000 DOSES OF ADULT VACCINE  
16   OURSELVES TO SUPPLEMENT THAT. WE HAVE RECEIVED 15 OF THAT AND  
17   WE HOPE TO RECEIVE THE OTHER 15 BUT WE'RE NOT CERTAIN ABOUT  
18   THAT. BACK IN LATE AUGUST, WHEN WE HEARD THAT CHIRON WAS  
19   HAVING QUALITY CONTROL PROBLEMS AT THAT POINT, IT MIGHT BE  
20   DELAYED. IT DIDN'T-- THEY DIDN'T-- NOBODY SAID THEY WERE GOING  
21   TO STOP THE PRODUCTION. WE PUT IN A BACKUP ORDER FOR ANOTHER  
22   30,000 OF AVENTIS VACCINE BUT WE DON'T EXPECT TO GET THAT AT  
23   ALL. NOW, TODAY, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
24   PREVENTION ANNOUNCED THAT THEY'RE WORKING WITH AVENTIS TO DO A  
25   REDISTRIBUTION. EVERYTHING THAT'S STILL IN AVENTIS' HANDS,



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1 THEY'RE TAKING A LOOK AT ALL THE ORDERS THAT WERE PROCESSED OR  
2 RECEIVED FROM BOTH CHIRON AND AVENTIS AND THEY'RE GOING TO  
3 PRIORITIZE AND FILL THOSE IN THE ORDER OF ENTITIES THAT SERVE  
4 HIGH-RISK PEOPLE, THAT BEING NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, OTHER  
5 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES AND STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH  
6 DEPARTMENTS. SO WE THINK IT'S LIKELY NOW THAT THE STATE WILL  
7 RECEIVE AND PAY FOR PART OF THAT 108,000 DOSES THAT THEY WERE  
8 GOING TO GIVE TO US AND WILL TURN AROUND AND GIVE IT TO US, SO  
9 THEY WILL PAY FOR PART OF THIS. WE FILED THIS AS A BACKUP IN  
10 THE CASE WE HAD TO GO OUT AND BUY VACCINE FROM OTHER PROVIDERS  
11 WHO MAY HAVE EXCESS. WE'D STILL RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE IT  
12 SO WE HAVE THAT AS A BACKUP BUT, BASED UPON THE SURVEY WE  
13 RECEIVED IN THE LAST 72 HOURS, WE DON'T THINK THERE'S VERY  
14 MANY OUT THERE WHO WILL SELL IT TO US.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT QUESTION IS HOW  
17 MUCH IS THERE OUT THERE THAT YOU CAN BUY? AND I THINK YOU JUST  
18 ANSWERED THAT.

19

20 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT'S NOT MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THAT. I  
23 DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I MOVE APPROVAL.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** >OKAY. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   YAROSLAVSKY,, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
3   ORDERED.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LAST ITEM I WAS HOLDING, MR. CHAIRMAN--  
6   OR I'M NOT SURE I WAS HOLDING IT, BUT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
7   WAS HOLDING IT, IS THE H.I.V. ISSUE, ITEM 23.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 23?

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE THEY COME UP, I'D LIKE TO  
12   ASK SOME QUESTIONS OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PROPOSING IT. IF  
13   THEY COULD COME UP.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT THE ASK THE COMMISSIONERS OR THE  
16   DIRECTOR?

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS SO, BECAUSE I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THIS.  
19   I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE BEING ASKED TO DO THIS. IT  
20   BOTHERS ME, IN PART, BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WE  
21   SHOULD NEVER HAVE THE NAMES ATTACHED TO ANY OF THESE THINGS  
22   AND I REMEMBER, WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE, HOW WE FOUGHT  
23   FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL OF THESE ISSUES. WHAT HAS  
24   CHANGED SO DRAMATICALLY? ARE WE RESPONDING TO AN ISSUE BECAUSE  
25   WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET REIMBURSED AND BEING DESTRUCTIVE TO



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1 CONFIDENTIALITY BECAUSE OF THAT? OR ARE WE STILL MAINTAINING  
2 CONFIDENTIALITY? I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT  
3 GOING TO COME FORWARD IF THAT IS THE CASE. AND I WANT TO  
4 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BASIS IS OF MOVING THIS FORWARD.

5

6 **CRAIG JONES:** SUPERVISOR, MY NAME IS CRAIG JONES, I'M THE  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH  
8 SERVICES. THERE ARE ACTUALLY A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT REASONS.  
9 PART OF THEM YOU'VE ALREADY STATED, WHICH IS THAT, IN 2007,  
10 THE C.D.C. IS SCHEDULED TO CHANGE THE FORMULA BASIS FOR RYAN  
11 WHITE CARE ACT FUNDING FROM AIDS...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF  
14 THE CONGRESS AND OTHERS THAT HAVE CRITICIZED THIS AND NOW WANT  
15 IT TO HAVE NAMES ATTACHED TO IT?

16

17 **CRAIG JONES:** IT'S MORE THAT THEY HAVE A 95% RELIABILITY AND  
18 COMPLETENESS OF DATA QUALITY STANDARD AND THEY DON'T FEEL,  
19 RIGHT NOW, THAT ANY CODE-BASED SYSTEM FROM ANY STATE CAN  
20 PROVIDE THAT ACCURACY AND THAT COMPLETENESS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHY WOULD A NAME MAKE IT DIFFERENT? IF I HAD  
23 A NUMBER AS COMPARED TO A NAME, WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE  
24 OF THE ACCURACY? I MEAN, THERE COULD BE MANY GLORIA MOLINAS IN  
25 THE SYSTEM.



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2 **CRAIG JONES:** IF WE COULD, WE COULD MAYBE INVITE GORDON BUNCH,  
3 THE DIRECTOR OF THE H.I.V. PROGRAM TO COME UP, BECAUSE HE CAN  
4 EXPLAIN THAT MUCH BETTER BUT...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE LET ME JUST TELL YOU WHAT MY CONCERN IS.  
7 IF, IN FACT, THIS IS SOME MOVEMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE GOING ON  
8 FOR THAT PURPOSE, I WOULD RATHER THAT IT HAPPEN AT THE STATE  
9 LEGISLATURE. I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE ASKING US TO INTRODUCE THE  
10 BILL BUT I'D RATHER SEE THAT DISCUSSION AND THAT DEBATE AND  
11 THOSE PROTECTIONS MADE THERE AND THEN WE SHOULD HONOR WHATEVER  
12 THAT SYSTEM IS. BUT I'M NERVOUS ABOUT WHY WE ARE DOING IT.

13

14 **CRAIG JONES:** OUR REQUEST WILL SIMPLY ASK THAT YOU ADOPT A  
15 POLICY OR THE COUNTY...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND AND I'M NOT READY TO IS I GUESS WHAT  
18 I'M SAYING.

19

20 **CRAIG JONES:** RIGHT. BUT IT'S GOING TO EVENTUALLY BE A STATE  
21 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ENDORSING A  
24 POLICY THAT I'M NOT SO SURE HAS BEEN PROPERLY AIRED OUT AND  
25 MIGHT REQUIRE SOME REAL LEADERSHIP FROM THE STATE, BECAUSE I





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1 WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE. IF THEY'RE ASKING US, YOU  
2 KNOW, GIVE US THE NAMES BECAUSE THAT WAY WE'LL HAVE ACCURACY,  
3 I THINK IT'S DESTRUCTIVE TO CONFIDENTIALITY.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I-- WE-- WE ARE ALSO  
6 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY AND I THINK THAT OUR MOVE  
7 IN THIS DIRECTION WAS BASED PRIMARILY UPON EVIDENCE THAT WE  
8 HAVE FROM-- YOU KNOW, DURING OUR HEARING PROCESS THAT THERE  
9 HAS BEEN NO BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE HISTORY OF  
10 A.I.D.S. NAMES REPORTING, WHICH HAS BEEN-- WHICH HAS BEEN IN  
11 PLACE NOW FOR 20-- OVER 20 YEARS. THERE HAS BEEN NO BREACH.  
12 THIS SYSTEM, THE A.I.D.S. NAMES REPORTING SYSTEM HAS WORKED  
13 EFFECTIVELY AND IS ABLE TO HELP US TO DEMONSTRATE WHERE  
14 RESOURCES NEED TO BE DEDICATED BY FINDING THIS INFORMATION.  
15 THE REALITY IS THAT, AFTER TWO YEARS OF A CODE-BASED SYSTEM,  
16 WE HAVE NOT FOUND IT TO BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THE DIFFERENCE, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT THERE IS A  
21 BACKLOG OF CASES THAT HAVE TO BE REINVESTIGATED AND  
22 INVESTIGATED OVER AGAIN. WE'RE NOT CAPTURING THE DATA.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WOULD BE THE DIFFERENCE IF THAT NAME HAD A  
25 NUMBER AS COMPARED TO A NAME?



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2 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE THERE'S OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION  
3 ALONGSIDE THAT, FOR INSTANCE, A BIRTH DATE SO THERE MAY BE  
4 MANY GLORIA MOLINAS...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT WOULD BE THE SAME WAY WITH A NUMBER?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM, BUT THE DIFFERENCE BEING THAT THERE IS A  
9 REQUIREMENT TO INVESTIGATE. WHEN THE CODE-- THE CODE IS LISTED  
10 AND I DO THINK IT WOULD BE REAL EFFECTIVE IF H.I.V. EPI WERE  
11 ABLE TO ANSWER THIS. THEY'RE VERY CLEAR ON THIS. IF THE  
12 CODE...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE HAVE JOHN SCHUNHOFF ALSO COME  
15 UP HERE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHOEVER. I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE  
18 INVOLVED IN THIS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I AGREE BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE-- HE  
21 CAN ANSWER A LOT OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

22

23 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE DIGIT  
24 OF THE CODE, IT IS REQUIRED THAT THEY INVESTIGATE IT AS  
25 OPPOSED TO-- MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, IF YOU CAN LOOK AT A



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1 NAME AND A BIRTH DATE AND THOSE TWO ARE MATCHING, YOU CAN MAKE  
2 A REASONABLE INFERENCE THAT THERE'S NOT A DUPLICATION, AS  
3 OPPOSED TO INVESTIGATING FOR SURE WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN  
4 THE DIGIT.

5

6 **CRAIG JONES:** SUPERVISOR, LET ME FIRST EMPHASIZE THIS DOESN'T  
7 CHANGE THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MEDICAL  
8 RECORDS AND TEST RESULTS FOR PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. THIS CHANGES  
9 THE WAY IN WHICH PHYSICIANS AND CLINICIANS REPORT H.I.V. CASES  
10 TO THE HEALTH OFFICER. THAT'S THE ONLY CHANGE. IN OTHER WORDS,  
11 THEY-- SINCE TWO YEARS AGO, PHYSICIANS AND CLINICIANS ARE  
12 REPORTED TO REPORT H.I.V. CASES TO THE HEALTH OFFICER. AND THE  
13 PROCESS BY WHICH IT'S DONE IS THAT THE LABORATORY THAT COMES  
14 UP WITH A POSITIVE H.I.V. TEST OR A POSITIVE VIRAL LOAD TEST  
15 SENDS A PARTIAL REPORT TO THE HEALTH OFFICER THAT HAS THE  
16 FIRST PART OF THE CODE. AND THAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME SOMEBODY  
17 WHO'S IN TREATMENT GOES IN, YEAR AFTER YEAR, THAT GOES IN. THE  
18 COUNTY STAFF THEN HAVE TO TRY TO THEN GO TO THE DOCTOR AND THE  
19 DOCTOR'S SUPPOSED TO FINISH OUT THE REST OF THAT AND THEY'RE  
20 SUPPOSED TO SEND-- FINISH THE REST OF THE CODE, GIVE US THE  
21 BEHAVIORAL INFORMATION ON THE PERSON AND IT BECOMES PART OF  
22 THE REGISTER-- REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH H.I.V. WE DON'T GET  
23 THE NAMES. THE DOCTOR'S SUPPOSED TO KEEP A LOG THAT SHOWS THE  
24 NAME AND THE CODE SO THEY CAN GO BACK TO IT BUT WE DON'T GET  
25 IT. THE VOLUME OF THESE LABORATORY REPORTS THAT COME IN TO US



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1 THAT HAVE TO BE MATCHED UP WITH EXISTING CODES THAT ARE IN THE  
2 SYSTEM AND THEN HAVE TO GO OUT AND BE REPORTED IS SIGNIFICANT.  
3 AND THE AIM HERE IS, IN ORDER TO BETTER BE ABLE TO GET DATA  
4 ABOUT THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE EPIDEMIC, WHERE H.I.V. IS,  
5 WHERE THE NEW CASES ARE, FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE IN  
6 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PREVENTION AND OTHER  
7 INITIATIVES TO GET PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT.

8

9 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IN ADDITION, IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, NO NAME IS  
10 REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO NAME THAT  
11 MOVES FORWARD. WHEN THIS INFORMATION IS...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE DOES THE NAME GO?

14

15 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE NAME STOPS AT THE STATE LEVEL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEN, THE STATE HAS IT?

18

19 **CRAIG JONES:** WELL, ACTUALLY, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, FOR THE  
20 A.I.D.S. CASES FOR WHICH WE GET NAMES, THE NAMES STAYS WITH  
21 US. WE REPORT TO THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL USING CODES AS  
22 WELL. BUT THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE THAT NAME IS AND IT'S BEEN A  
23 VERY EFFECTIVE SYSTEM FOR 20 YEARS OF KEEPING TRACK OF THOSE,  
24 LIKE WE DO THE 50 OR SO OTHER REPORTABLE CONDITIONS THAT GET  
25 REPORTED TO US, PEOPLE WITH MANY OTHER CONDITIONS OR DISEASES.



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1 IN THIS SYSTEM, WE'VE GOT A TWO-TIER. THE A.I.D.S. CASES, WHEN  
2 SOMEBODY IS A.I.D.S. DEFINED, WE GET THEIR NAME. WHEN THEY'RE  
3 JUST H.I.V. DEFINED, WE GET THE CODE. AND IT'S PROVEN TO BE A  
4 VERY DIFFICULT SYSTEM TO OPERATE AND GET TO A CONCLUSIVE  
5 NUMBER AND TO BRING UP TO DATE BECAUSE OF ALL THESE NUMBER OF  
6 CODES COMING IN THAT DON'T MATCH, THAT ARE NOT ACCURATE, WE  
7 END UP HAVING TO GO OUT TO DOCTORS' OFFICES AND SPEND HOURS  
8 THERE GOING THROUGH THE RECORDS TRYING TO IDENTIFY WHETHER  
9 THIS IS A CASE THAT WE PREVIOUSLY HAVE HEARD ABOUT OR IT'S A  
10 NEW CASE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. I WISH YOU COULD  
13 EXPLAIN IT EASIER TO ME THAN IT IS EXPLAINED HERE. SEEMS LIKE  
14 A BUREAUCRATIC KIND OF-- I DON'T KNOW. I AM NOT PREPARED TO GO  
15 TO THE LEGISLATURE AND ASK FOR THIS. I DON'T MIND THAT THE  
16 LEGISLATURE INTRODUCE IT AND THEN IT GET DEBATED AND DISCUSSED  
17 AND THAT WE WOULD ADOPT A POLICY OR A POSITION ON WHATEVER THE  
18 OUTCOME BILL IS, BUT I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF INITIATING IT.  
19 SO I WOULD OPPOSE IT AT THIS POINT. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO  
20 ME.

21

22 **CRAIG JONES:** SUPERVISOR, IF I CAN TAKE ONE MORE STAB AT WHY  
23 IT'S DIFFICULT, BECAUSE NAMES-BASED REPORTING IS INTUITIVE.  
24 AND SO, IF YOU HAVE CRAIG JONES AND YOU'RE CONVERTING THAT  
25 INFORMATION, ALONG WITH THE GENDER AND THE BIRTH DATE AND PART



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1 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, INTO A 16-DIGIT CODE AND YOU  
2 GET, SAY, THE GENDER OFF BY ONE DIGIT, YOU CAN KIND OF LOOK AT  
3 THE NAME, KNOW IT'S SOMEONE THAT'S BEEN IN THE SYSTEM AND  
4 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S THE SAME PERSON AND THEN THAT'S...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW WOULD YOU KNOW? SOMEWHERE ELSE HE MIGHT BE  
7 CRAIG G. C. JONES.

8

9 **CRAIG JONES:** BUT IF EVERYTHING ELSE MATCHES...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NUMBERS? WHAT IF THEY ALL  
12 MATCHED?

13

14 **CRAIG JONES:** WELL, IF THEY MATCH, THAT'S FINE BECAUSE YOU KNOW  
15 THAT THEY'RE DUPLICATES/ BUT IF THERE'S ONE DIGIT OFF IN THE  
16 16 DIGIT CONVERSION, THEN IT MEANS THE H.I.V. EPI HAS TO GO  
17 OUT AND INVESTIGATE IT AND THEY...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD LUCK AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN TRYING TO  
20 EXPLAIN IT TO THEM. I DON'T GET IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP.  
23 YOU ALL TESTIFIED ALREADY. ASK THAT MIKI JACKSON, JESSE  
24 GRUTTADANRIA-- CLOSE? OKAY. IF NOT, I APOLOGIZE. TERRI FORD



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1 AND ROBERT BUTLER, IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD  
2 FIRST. GO AHEAD, MIKI.

3

4 **MIKI JACKSON:** THANK YOU. GOOD DAY. I AM GOING TO TRY TO MAKE A  
5 SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ARGUMENT BASED ON THE SAME BASIC FEELING. I  
6 AGREE WITH NAMES-BASED REPORTING. A.H.F. HAS BEEN ESPOUSED  
7 NAMES-BASED REPORTING FOR OVER FOUR YEARS AND THERE ARE A LOT  
8 OF REASONS PEOPLE OPPOSE IT BUT MOST OF THEM BOIL DOWN TO  
9 KEEPING SOMEONE'S NAME CONFIDENTIAL. WELL, NO MATTER WHAT, WE  
10 HAVE ANONYMOUS TESTING IN THIS STATE AND, AS LONG AS WE HAVE  
11 ANONYMOUS TESTING, WHICH WE'VE MADE A COMMITMENT TO, IT, IN  
12 ESSENCE BECOMES VOLUNTARY NAMES REPORTING, BECAUSE WHEN-- IF I  
13 GO TO TEST, I'M PRESENTED WITH TWO CHOICES. I CAN EITHER DO  
14 ANONYMOUS TESTING, IN WHICH CASE MY NAME WILL NEVER BE  
15 REPORTED, OR I CAN DO CONFIDENTIAL TESTING, IN WHICH MY NAME  
16 WILL BE REPORTED BUT VERY CAREFULLY. SO I MAKE THE CHOICE  
17 RIGHT THEN. I, THE PERSON, MAKE THE CHOICE, OKAY, I'M GOING TO  
18 DO A CONFIDENTIAL, I'M GOING TO LET MY NAME BE REPORTED OR I'M  
19 NOT, I'M GOING TO DO AN ANONYMOUS. I'M GOING TO LET MY NAME BE  
20 REPORTED. SO I DON'T SEE WHY WE SHOULD TAKE THAT CHOICE AWAY  
21 FROM PEOPLE OR WHY WE EVER DID.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WHAT WE DO NOW? WE TAKE THE CHOICE AWAY?





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2 **MIKI JACKSON:** YEAH. NOBODY CAN CHOOSE TO BE REPORTED.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOBODY CAN WHAT?

5

6 **MIKI JACKSON:** NOBODY CAN CHOOSE TO BE REPORTED NOW.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY? WHO CHANGED WHATEVER THAT IS?

9

10 **MIKI JACKSON:** THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. IT GOES TO CODE SO  
11 THEY CAN'T HAVE THEIR NAME REPORTED BUT I'M SAYING, IF YOU  
12 CHANGE IT, THERE'S GOING TO BE A CHOICE. A PERSON CAN TEST  
13 ANONYMOUSLY, THEIR NAME WILL NEVER BE INVOLVED. A PERSON CAN  
14 TEST CONFIDENTIALLY AND THEN THEIR NAME IS INVOLVED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE WOULD WANT TO DO  
17 THIS. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME, WHY WOULD YOU WANT YOUR NAME AND  
18 WHY WOULD-- BECAUSE YOU WANT YOUR NAME ON IT AND IF I DON'T  
19 WANT MY NAME ON IT, WHY SHOULD IT BE THAT WAY?

20

21 **MIKI JACKSON:** WELL, YOU JUST CHOOSE TO TEST ANONYMOUSLY AND  
22 YOUR NAME ISN'T THERE. SO YOU'VE GET A CHOICE. YOU'VE GOT TWO  
23 KINDS OF TESTS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE: ONE WHERE  
24 THEIR NAME IS REPORTED AND ONE WHERE THEIR NAME ISN'T  
25 REPORTED.



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**SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST REMEMBER WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE,  
THE ISSUE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ONE AND I  
REMEMBER HEARING FROM DOCTORS AND FROM A LOT OF ACTIVISTS  
TALKING ABOUT HOW INSURANCE, EMPLOYMENT, ALL KINDS OF OTHER--  
AND JUST THE WHOLE PROCESS THAT THIS IS, AGAIN, THERE'S NO  
DOUBT THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S. THAT HAVE  
NO PROBLEM IN ACCESSING SERVICES. IT'S NOT A DISEASE OF SHAME.  
I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THAT. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING. BUT I'M  
CONCERNED AS TO WHY, ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE'RE CHANGING SOMETHING  
AND IF IT'S TO MAKE A BUREAUCRAT'S LIFE A LITTLE EASIER, I  
JUST DON'T FIND IT THAT-- I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF US ASKING  
THE LEGISLATURE TO DO IT. THE LEGISLATURE SAYS WE'RE  
RESPONDING TO SOMETHING, THEY DEBATE IT, THERE'S A LOT OF  
REASONS AND THEN WE SHOULD CHOOSE TO TAKE A POSITION ONE WAY  
OR ANOTHER, THAT'S GOOD, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE  
INITIATING IT.

18

**MIKI JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF WHAT WE'VE SAID ABOUT  
WHY WE SHOULD INITIATE IT IS THAT WE ARE THE COUNTY, WE ARE  
THE IMPACTED AREA, WE HAVE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CASES IN THE  
STATE, AND THEREFORE WE COULD SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP HERE IN  
PUTTING A.I.D.S. MORE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH NORM, WHICH A.I.D.S.  
HAS BEEN THE EXCEPTION. IT HASN'T BEEN IN PUBLIC-- WE HAVEN'T  
FOLLOWED A.I.D.S.-- OUR USUAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROCEDURES WITH



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1 A.I.D.S. THERE SOME 80 CONDITIONS, I UNDERSTAND, THAT CAN BE  
2 REPORTED THROUGH NAMES BUT, YOU SEE, NAMES REPORTING IS  
3 CONFIDENTIAL. IT'S STILL CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING BECAUSE WE'RE  
4 STILL KEEPING IT IN CONFIDENCE. AND SO WE MADE A.I.D.S. THE  
5 EXCEPTION AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AND ARE  
6 CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE A HIGH DEGREE OF INFECTION PARTIALLY  
7 AND-- BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT MADE A NORMATIVE PROCESS, WE HAVE  
8 NOT FOLLOWED CLASSIC PUBLIC HEALTH PROCEDURES THAT WE KNOW  
9 WORK, THAT WE HAVE HAD DEMONSTRATED OVER AND OVER AND OVER IN  
10 THIS COUNTRY IN OUR HISTORY IN DEALING WITH DISEASE. THEY  
11 WORK. WE DIDN'T FOLLOW THEM. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE  
12 REASONS WE STILL HAVE SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH A.I.D.S. INFECTION.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I WISH THAT SOMEBODY COULD UNDERSTAND--  
15 EXPLAIN TO ME WHY THIS CHANGE WOULD DO THAT. I APPRECIATE THAT  
16 THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS CHANGE-- AND  
17 THAT'S-- I GUESS I'M NOT GETTING THROUGH TO PEOPLE BUT I'LL  
18 JUST STOP WITH THAT. MAYBE I JUST DON'T GET IT AT ALL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JESSIE?

21

22 **JESSIE GRUTTADANRIA:** I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO HELP YOU. GOOD  
23 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JESSIE GRUTTADANRIA. I'M THE ASSOCIATE  
24 DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
25 FOUNDATION I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING



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1 NAMES-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM FOR H.I.V. IN L.A. COUNTY. THE  
2 ISSUE BECOMES ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE  
3 PROSPECT OF FEDERAL FUNDING, AN ISSUE AT THE CENTER OF ALL  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS. A.H.F. HAS LONG ARGUED THAT NAMES-BASED  
5 REPORTING IMPROVES ACCESS TO CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THOSE  
6 LIVING WITH H.I.V. IN 2000, THIS WAS AFFIRMED WHEN THE C.D.C.  
7 DETERMINED THAT STATE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON  
8 H.I.V. CASE REPORTING RATHER THAN A.I.D.S. CASE REPORTING. THE  
9 C.D.C. PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW ALLOCATION FORMULA BASED ON  
10 THE NUMBER OF REPORTED H.I.V. CASES BY 2007. CALIFORNIA IS ONE  
11 OF JUST SEVEN STATES THAT USES CODE-BASED REPORTING. CODE-  
12 BASED REPORTING IS INFERIOR TO NAMES-BASED REPORTING BECAUSE  
13 IT IS MORE COSTLY AND, AS MR. SCHUNHOFF SAID, EXTREMELY  
14 DIFFICULT FOR PROVIDERS TO IMPLEMENT. FURTHERMORE, ONCE THE  
15 C.D.C.'S NEW FORMULA GOES INTO EFFECT, C.D.C. WILL HAVE TO USE  
16 CALIFORNIA'S A.I.D.S. REPORTING DATA, WHICH WILL PUT THE STATE  
17 AT A DISADVANTAGE TO OTHER STATES BECAUSE A.I.D.S. REPORTING  
18 UNDERESTIMATES THE NEEDS OF THE STATE. CALIFORNIA STANDS TO  
19 LOSE UP TO \$50 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TERRI, THEN ROBERT, THEN I'M  
22 GOING TO CALL UP RVEL NOLLEDO AND BRADLEY LAND.

23

24 **TERRI FORD:** THANK YOU. I'M TERRI FORD, THE DIRECTOR OF  
25 ADVOCACY AT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE AND I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR



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1 MOLINA'S QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AND I REALLY SUGGEST THAT YOU  
2 CALL GORDON BUNCH UP HERE FROM COUNTY EPI, WHO IS PROBABLY ONE  
3 OF THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE HERE IN THE ROOM THAT CAN  
4 ANSWER SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S QUESTIONS. I REALLY SUGGEST THAT  
5 YOU DO THAT. I'M HERE TODAY, THOUGH, FOR MYSELF TO URGE YOU TO  
6 SUPPORT THE NAMES REPORTING H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR  
7 L.A. COUNTY. IT IS SOUND PUBLIC HEALTH. WITHOUT KNOWING WE ARE  
8 FACING OR WHO THE TARGET IS, HOW CAN WE, THE COUNTY AND THE  
9 COMMUNITY, POSSIBLY BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR EFFORTS TO STOP H.I.V.  
10 AND A.I.D.S.? AS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS  
11 FOR A.H.F. FOR OVER FIVE YEARS, I ALWAYS FELT THAT WE WERE HIT  
12 AT THE KNEES BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED THE RACE WITHOUT H.I.V.  
13 EPIDEMIOLOGY DATA IN L.A. COUNTY. I PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS  
14 NATIONAL H.I.V. PREVENTION CONFERENCES AND HAD A LOT OF  
15 INTERACTION WITH PREVENTION DIRECTORS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY  
16 AND THE HONEST TRUTH WAS THAT, WITHOUT H.I.V. TRACKING DATA TO  
17 GUIDE US, WE WERE GUESSING AND TAKING SHOTS IN THE DARK AND  
18 UTILIZING FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDS FOR H.I.V. PROTECTION--  
19 PREVENTION. WE CREATED PREVENTION PROGRAMS BASED ON B.R.G.S,  
20 BEHAVIORAL RISK GROUPS, WITHOUT FULLY UNDERSTANDING WHO THOSE  
21 BEHAVIORAL RISK GROUPS EVEN WERE. MILLIONS, PROBABLY BILLIONS  
22 OF DOLLARS HAS BEEN SPENT ON H.I.V. PREVENTION IN THIS COUNTRY  
23 OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS AND, AS THE C.D.C. ITSELF ADMITS, WE  
24 HAVE ALL FAILED MISERABLY. H.I.V. TRANSMISSION RATES ARE UP.  
25 THEY'RE NOT DOWN. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER SYSTEMS SIMPLY DON'T WORK



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1 AS WELL AS NAMES REPORTING AND THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN IN  
2 NUMEROUS STATES AROUND THE COUNTRY. CALIFORNIA IS THE  
3 EXCEPTION THAT WE HAVEN'T IMPLEMENTED IT. AND WE HAVE SEEN, IN  
4 L.A., THAT THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER SYSTEM IS VERY CUMBERSOME AND  
5 IT'S NOT WORKING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

8

9 **TERRI FORD:** OKAY. WITH PROPER DATA TO DESIGN EFFECTIVE PREVENT  
10 PROGRAMS, PERHAPS MANY, MANY LIVES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LOST.  
11 IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS. IT'S TIME. H.I.V. IS A PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 DISEASE AND IT MUST BE TREATED THAT WAY. IT'S A VERY SMART  
13 VIRUS AND WE MUST BE SMARTER THAN IT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. BUTLER AND THEN I'LL ASK CARRIE  
16 BROADUS TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

17

18 **ROBERT BUTLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
19 MY NAME IS ROBERT BUTLER. I AM CURRENTLY THE H.I.V. POSITIVE  
20 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SECOND ISSUE TO THE COMMISSION ON  
21 H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES BUT I'M HERE ON MY OWN BEHALF TO  
22 SUPPORT NAMES-BASED REPORTING. MY TENURE ON THE COMMISSION, I  
23 HAVE GOTTEN A BIG LESSON ON WHAT NAMES-BASED VERSUS CODES-  
24 BASED REPORTING IS ALL ABOUT AND I AM MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
25 RESOURCES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US AFTER THE 2007 H.I.V.



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1 CASE FORMULA GOES INTO EFFECT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO  
2 WOMEN AND PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF COLOR. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT WE  
3 HAVE SUFFICIENT LAWS IN PLACE TODAY THAT CONFIDENTIALITY CAN  
4 BE MAINTAINED IN A MANNER THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH ANY OTHER  
5 MEDICAL CONDITION AND PARTICULARLY WITH H.I.V. AS A PERSON WHO  
6 HAS LIVED WITH H.I.V. FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND A PERSON WHO HAS  
7 HAD A.I.D.S. FOR OVER 10, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS  
8 AND HELP US GET THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR A COUNTY AS LARGE  
9 AS LOS ANGELES TO, YOU KNOW, BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THIS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

12

13 **BRADLEY LAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD. MY NAME IS BRADLEY LAND. I AM THE CO-CHAIR OF  
15 PRIORITIES AND PLANNING, COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION AND I'M  
16 H.I.V. POSITIVE FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. WE ARE HERE THIS  
17 AFTERNOON TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ORDER TO ADVOCATE FOR A  
18 SHIFT FROM CODE-BASED H.I.V. REPORTING TO NAMES-BASED  
19 REPORTING. OUR SPECIFIC REQUEST IS OUTLINED IN THE BOARD  
20 LETTER WE HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY  
21 DESCRIBE THE PROCESS WE USED IN COMING TO THIS CHANGE IN OUR  
22 POSITION AND ALSO DESCRIBE WHY WE FELT THIS CHANGE IS SO  
23 NECESSARY. OUR CO-CHAIR OF OUR PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE WAS NOT  
24 ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY DO THE PRESENTATION TODAY.  
25 FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, H.I.V. EPIDEMIOLOGY HAS BEEN OPERATING





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1 THEN CODE-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM, AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS.  
2 H.I.V. EPI HAS MADE MANY REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING  
3 THE FAILURES. THE REPORTS OF 13,000 CASES THAT HAVE YET TO BE  
4 INVESTIGATED AND UP TO 40% DUPLICATION RATE RESULTING FROM  
5 REPORTING ERRORS IS ALARMING. ALTHOUGH THE COMMISSION HAD  
6 PREVIOUSLY TAKEN A POSITION AGAINST NAMES-BASED REPORTING WITH  
7 THESE REPORTS AND THE REFUSAL OF THE C.D.C. TO ACCEPT CODE-  
8 BASED REPORTING TO THIS DAY, THE COMMISSION FELT A  
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE THIS ISSUE FURTHER. WE HELD  
10 MEETINGS OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE IN WHICH THIS QUESTION  
11 WAS DISCUSSED. AS ALWAYS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE  
12 ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND BRING FORTH INFORMATION TO OUR  
13 COMMITTEE AND OUR COMMISSION MEETINGS. I PERSONALLY ENCOURAGE  
14 THOSE, AS WELL AS THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO I KNEW WERE IN  
15 OPPOSITION TO THE OPTION OF NAMES-BASED H.I.V. REPORTING, TO  
16 ATTEND THOSE MEETINGS. WE FORMED WORK GROUPS TO DEVELOP A  
17 POSITION PAPER AND DID SO. THE PAPER IS INCLUDED IN THE  
18 BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD LETTER. WE PRESENTED THE  
19 POSITION PAPER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH FORWARDED IT  
20 TO THE FULL COMMISSION FOR DEBATE. ON JULY 8, 2004, WE HAD A  
21 TWO-HOUR DEBATE ON THE ISSUE WITH PRESENTATIONS AND TESTIMONY  
22 FROM H.I.V. EPI AND A ROBUST DISCUSSION. AS A RESULT OF THAT  
23 VOTE AND FURTHER CALLS FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR CLARITY, WE HAVE  
24 HOSTED TWO COMMUNITY EDUCATION FORUMS, ONE IN VAN NUYS AND THE  
25 OTHER AT UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES.



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1 APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE CAME TO THE FORUMS AND EXPRESSED  
2 THEIR VIEWS AS WELL AS HEARD FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM H.I.V.  
3 EPI AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE FEARS AND  
4 CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO US AND WILL BE EXPRESSED  
5 TO YOU HERE TODAY AND BEAR THOSE THAT YOU HAVE, SUPERVISOR  
6 MOLINA. THE CONCERNS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL OR EVEN IS ABLE  
7 TO SEIZE THE NAMES IS NOT CREDIBLE. THE CONTENTION THAT PEOPLE  
8 ARE SCARED TO GET TESTED BECAUSE OF NAMES REPORTING IS  
9 DISPELLED BY FACTS. A.I.D.S. NAMES REPORTING HAS BEEN A FACT  
10 OF LIFE FOR 23 YEARS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE? YOUR TIME'S  
13 UP.

14

15 **ROBERT BUTLER:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY ONGOING  
16 GRATITUDE TO MY SUPERVISOR, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL ANTONOVICH,  
17 MY HEALTH DEPUTY, RESSE ROMAN, FOR ALL OF HER SUPPORT, AND TO  
18 EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS. YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN MONUMENTAL IN  
19 THE FIGHT TO STOP THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, GENEVIEVE.

22

23 **RVEL NOLLEDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RVEL NOLLEDO. I AM  
24 ADVOCACY COORDINATOR FOR A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES. AFTER  
25 CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, A.P.L.A. HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE



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1 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO SWITCH TO H.I.V. NAMES-BASED  
2 REPORTING. THIS IS NOT A DECISION WE HAVE MADE LIGHTLY. WE  
3 UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS.  
4 HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION REPRESENTS  
5 THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
6 ESPECIALLY THOSE LOS ANGELOS LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
7 FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSFERRING TO A NAMES-  
8 BASED SYSTEM WILL ADDRESS THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY A CODE-  
9 BASED H.I.V. SYSTEM, LIMITATIONS THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE  
10 WAYS IN WHICH L.A. AND CALIFORNIA CAN ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC.  
11 PLANNING A STRATEGIC AND COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO THE H.I.V.  
12 CRISIS REQUIRES RELIABLE DATA. WE DO NOT HAVE RELIABLE DATA,  
13 DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE INVOLVED. APPROXIMATELY  
14 40% OF THE INVESTIGATED CASES ARE DUPLICATES RESULTING FROM  
15 CODING ERRORS. THIS DUPLICATION RATE IS EXPECTED TO ONLY  
16 INCREASE AS TIME GOES BY. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NAMES-BASED  
17 SYSTEM WOULD RESULT IN A MORE RELIABLE AND COMPLETE DATA ON  
18 H.I.V. INFECTION AND WOULD FACILITATE PLANNING OF L.A.  
19 COUNTY'S H.I.V. PREVENTION AND CARE EFFORTS. SO WE'RE HOPING  
20 THAT YOU CAN RECOMMEND THIS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HE SAW THE LIGHT. NO. [ LIGHT  
23 LAUGHTER ]

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. CARRIE, THEN  
2   GENEVIEVE, THEN I'D ASK TERRY LEFTGOFF TO JOIN US AS WELL,  
3   TOO.

4  
5   **CARRIE BROADUS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND OTHER BOARD OF  
6   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CARRIE BROADUS AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE  
7   DIRECTOR OF WOMEN ALIVE COALITION. WOMEN ALIVE COALITION IS  
8   OF, BY AND FOR WOMEN LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AS WELL  
9   AS THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, THEIR  
10   HUSBANDS, THEIR BOYFRIENDS. OVER 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE  
11   BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE COULD DEAL WITH H.I.V. AND  
12   A.I.D.S. AND PREVENTION, IT WAS JUST ABOUT A.I.D.S. THEN AND  
13   WE FOUGHT VERY HARD AND I WAS ON THAT LINE TO MAKE SURE THAT  
14   CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NOT BE BREACHED AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE  
15   VERY SPECIFIC LAWS IN PLACE TO PROTECT THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND  
16   THEIR NAMES AS IT RELATES TO A.I.D.S. 20 YEARS INTO THIS  
17   EPIDEMIC, SURVEILLANCE IS THE BEST PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE THAT  
18   WE CAN COME UP WITH. H.I.V. IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. IF  
19   WE CONTINUE TO DEAL ONLY WITH A.I.D.S. DATA, WE WILL CONTINUE  
20   TO BE 10 YEARS BEHIND THE EPIDEMIC. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
21   WOMEN ALIVE COALITION, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF WOMEN LIVING WITH  
22   H.I.V., VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, ON SEPTEMBER THE 18TH, TO SUPPORT  
23   MOVING TO AN H.I.V.-BASED NAME SYSTEM. THANK YOU.  
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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CARRIE. GENEVIEVE, THEN TERRY,  
2   THEN I'D ASK HOWARD JACOBS TO JOIN US, AS WELL AS DR. TERRY  
3   GRAND.

4

5   **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU  
6   KNOW, THIS IS ALREADY A DEJA VU, YOU KNOW. WHEN-- PRIOR TO DR.  
7   GARTHWAITE, WE HAD ANOTHER INCOMPETENT D.H.S. PERSON, MR.  
8   FINNEGAN, AND, AT THAT TIME, YOU APPROVED A BOARD LETTER  
9   HAVING TO DO WITH NAME REPORTING. THAT WAS A LONG, LONG TIME  
10   AGO. THE REASON WE NEVER FOLLOWED THROUGH THAT REQUEST FOR  
11   NAME REPORTING IS BECAUSE O.A.P.P. HAS BEEN PAYING 50,000 A  
12   YEAR FOR MR. CHUCK HENRY TO BELONG TO A.I.D.S. ACTION COUNCIL,  
13   WHO IS OPPOSED TO NAMES REPORTING. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
14   SCHIZOPHRENIC BEHAVIOR. YOU HAVE IT HERE BUT, YOU KNOW, BETTER  
15   LATE THAN NEVER. I WAS IN FAVOR OF NAMES REPORTING, YOU KNOW,  
16   LONG, LONG TIME AGO IN H.I.V. AND IF YOU WANT TO GET THE  
17   DOLLAR, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT H.I.V. AND, CONTRARY TO  
18   SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STATEMENT, IT WAS A BIPARTISAN REQUEST TO  
19   HAVE H.I.V. REPORTED, NOT THE EXTREME RIGHT.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TERRY, THEN-- TERRY LEFTGOFF  
22   THEN HOWARD JACOBS THEN DR. TERRY GRAND.

23

24   **TERRY LEFTGOFF:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TERRY LEFTGOFF. I  
25   SERVE AS BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT AND ADVOCACY CO-CHAIR FOR BEING



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1 ALIVE LOS ANGELES AND TODAY IT APPEARS WE'RE ONE OF THE VOICES  
2 OF REASON. FOR MANY YEARS, BEING ALIVE STOOD ALONGSIDE YOUR  
3 BOARD, YOUR COUNTY A.I.D.S. COMMISSION, INDEED, THE STATE, IN  
4 STRONG OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY NAMES REPORTING. THIS WAS THE  
5 RIGHT THING TO DO BASED UPON REAL FEARS BACKED BY YEARS OF  
6 HIGH QUALITY STUDIES SHOWING THAT NAMES REPORTING IS A REAL  
7 AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO TESTING AND TREATMENT. AFTER ALL  
8 THESE YEARS, WHAT HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED? ON MERITS OR POLICY,  
9 NOTHING. EXCEPT FOR SOME FEAR ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO  
10 FUNDING SEVERAL YEARS FROM NOW. WE'RE NOT CONVINCED THERE'S A  
11 COMPELLING REASON TO ABANDON A LONG-FOUGHT AND HARD-PRESERVED  
12 POSITION, NOR TO ABRUPTLY REVERSE COURSE AT THIS POINT. OUR  
13 OPPOSITION IS BASED UPON THREE CENTRAL THEMES: NAMES REPORTING  
14 MAY CAUSE REAL HARM, IT IS BASED UPON FALSE FUTURE HOPE, IT'S  
15 ENORMOUSLY DIVISIVE AND EMOTIONAL AND IT DISTRACTS US FROM  
16 FIGHTING FOR WHAT WE URGENTLY NEED RIGHT NOW. ON A PERSONAL  
17 NOTE THAT I HOPE YOU'LL HEAR, I SAT ON A COUNTY A.I.D.S. TASK  
18 FORCE FOR 15 YEARS IN A SUBURBAN CALIFORNIA COUNTY DURING  
19 WHICH A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WOULD ROUTINELY GOSSIP ABOUT WHO SHE  
20 LEARNED HAD RECENTLY CONTRACTED H.I.V. THIS GOSSIP IS NOT  
21 IDLE. IT BRINGS WITH IT THE REAL THREAT OF REAL  
22 DISCRIMINATION, PARTICULARLY WITHIN INTIMATE COMMUNITIES AND  
23 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND IT IS NOT CONFINED TO SMALL COUNTIES BUT  
24 ANYWHERE SOMEONE NEEDS EMPLOYMENT, INSURANCE, HEALTHCARE OR  
25 SIMPLY TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY WITH THEIR PRIVACY INTACT. WHAT



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1 YOU DO IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE AND  
2 AFFECTS THOSE WHO LIVE IN AREAS WITH FAR MORE HOSTILITY. IN  
3 THE FACE OF THIS BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY THAT YOU-- THEY SO  
4 ELOQUENTLY SAID NEVER HAPPENS, AND REMEMBER IN SMALL  
5 COMMUNITIES, ANONYMITY DOES NOT EXIST, IT BECAME CLEAR IT WAS  
6 NOT SAFE TO ACCESS ANY LOCAL CARE OR TREATMENT. TO THIS DAY, I  
7 CARRY THIS RELUCTANCE AND, LIKE MANY OTHERS, I CAME TO LOS  
8 ANGELES WHERE I FELT SAFER. PLEASE DO NOT SHATTER THAT SAFETY.  
9 SO I CAN ATTEST THAT NAMES REPORTING CREATES A REAL AND  
10 EFFECTIVE BARRIER TO TESTING AND TREATMENT. GIVEN THAT A HIGH  
11 PROPORTION OF THE H.I.V. POPULATION IN THIS COUNTY IS GAY MEN,  
12 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, LATINOS AND IMMIGRANTS, WE THINK THE  
13 DETERRENT HERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY GREATER. FURTHERMORE,  
14 WE'RE SOBERED BY SEVERAL LOCAL EVENTS. COUNTY STAFF RAIDED THE  
15 A.I.M. CLINIC AND SEIZED H.I.V. TESTING RECORDS. THE NAMES OF  
16 THESE PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. ENDED UP IN DAILY SENSATIONAL REPORTS  
17 IN THE L.A. TIMES. SO, AT THE SAME TIME YOUR STAFF SEIZED  
18 CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL RECORDS, THEY SHATTERED THE TRUST  
19 NECESSARY FOR VOLUNTARY TESTING AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASES?

22  
23 **TERRY LEFTGOFF:** I WILL. THANK YOU. NOW THEY WANT US TO TRUST  
24 THEM WITH OUR NAMES. WELL, WE DON'T. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.





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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. JACOBS?

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3    **HOWARD JACOBS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HOWARD JACOBS AND I'M  
4    PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BEING ALIVE WITH  
5    A.I.D.S. ACTION COALITION. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER 3  
6    IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR  
7    YAROSLAVSKY. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE THIS  
8    AFTERNOON. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO GO ON RECORD THAT THE BOARD OF  
9    DIRECTORS OF BEING ALIVE SUPPORTS THE USE OF UNIQUE  
10    IDENTIFIERS FOR H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE AND REQUESTS YOU DO NOT  
11    CHANGE YOUR POLICY POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. AS I AM SURE YOU  
12    ARE AWARE, CHANGING YOUR POLICY ON REPORTING FOR H.I.V.  
13    SURVEILLANCE WILL SEND A LOUD MESSAGE. I QUESTION THE TIMING  
14    OF YOU SENDING THIS MESSAGE SINCE NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED IN ANY  
15    PIECE OF FEDERAL A.I.D.S. FUNDING LEGISLATION OR ON THE  
16    FEDERAL ELECTORAL FRONTIER WHEN YOU TOOK A POSITION SUPPORTING  
17    UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS NOT VERY LONG AGO. OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
18    HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROGRESSIVE, FORWARD THINKING AND EFFECTIVE ON  
19    H.I.V. POLICY. CHANGING YOUR POSITION ON H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE  
20    REPORTING WOULD PUT YOU IN LINE WITH MORE CONSERVATIVE H.I.V.  
21    POLICIES CURRENTLY SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL ADMINISTRATORS WITHOUT  
22    ANY ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE REASONING WHEN THE RECOMMENDATION  
23    TO SUPPORT UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS CAME FROM THE COMMISSION ON  
24    H.I.V. SERVICES A FEW YEARS AGO. WHEN I, A GAY MAN WAS  
25    ORIGINALLY DIAGNOSED, A GAY WHITE MAN WAS ORIGINALLY



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1   DIAGNOSED, THERE WAS NO H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE. WE FOUGHT FOR  
2   CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE NO NAME WOULD EVER BE  
3   REPORTED. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY WERE KEY. WHY? BECAUSE  
4   WE KNEW GAY WHITE MEN WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO GET TESTED IF  
5   THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR NAME. NOW THAT THE  
6   H.I.V. PANDEMIC HAS SPREAD MORE WIDELY INTO LATINO AND  
7   AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY AMONG GAY BLACK AND  
8   LATINO MEN, WHY ISN'T THIS POLICY OF CONFIDENTIALITY GOOD  
9   ENOUGH FOR THESE HEAVILY IMPACTED POPULATIONS? IS IT EASIER  
10   FOR LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN TO TALK TO THEIR DOCTORS  
11   ABOUT BEING GAY OR ABOUT HAVING SEX WITH MEN OR ASKING FOR AN  
12   H.I.V. TEST? THAT'S NOT WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD. IN FACT, I'VE  
13   BEEN TOLD IT'S MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

16

17   **HOWARD JACOBS:** SURE. THIRD AND FINALLY, NAMES REPORTING DOES  
18   NOT TACKLE THE REAL PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY. DOCTORS REPORTING  
19   H.I.V. OR A.I.D.S. CASES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BY LAW. WE KNOW  
20   THAT. A BIG INCREASE IN A.I.D.S. FOR L.A. COUNTY THIS YEAR  
21   CAME FROM ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS BY L.A. COUNTY  
22   EPIDEMIOLOGY. IT DID NOT COME FROM PEOPLE FILLING THEIR  
23   MEDICATIONS OR BEING DIAGNOSED LATE-- IN THE LATE AND END  
24   STAGES OF H.I.V. DISEASE. SO IF YOU DECIDED TO CHANGE YOUR  
25   H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE POLICY RECOMMENDATION, YOU SEND A LOUD



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1 MESSAGE THAT MAY BE SETTING UP A BARRIER FOR TESTING. YOU'LL  
2 BE SENDING A CONSERVATIVE, INEFFECTIVE H.I.V. POLICY MESSAGE  
3 TO OUR FELLOW OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEFORE AN  
4 UNDECIDED ELECTION THAT DOES NOT SUGGEST IN ANY WAY THAT L.A.  
5 COUNTY WILL SAVE, LOSE, OR GAIN MORE MONEY AND, MOST  
6 IMPORTANTLY, YOU DO NOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. I RESPECTFULLY  
7 REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DELAY MAKING ANY DECISION  
8 TODAY. PLEADS CALL A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH YOUR LOCAL  
9 A.I.D.S. ORGANIZATIONS AND REQUEST THEY BRING THEIR CLIENTS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. TRY AND BE KIND HERE. PLEASE WRAP  
12 IT UP, OKAY?

13

14 **HOWARD JACOBS:** SURE. ASK THE GROUP HOW THEY WOULD MORE LIKELY  
15 TO GET AN H.I.V. TEST IF THEIR NAME WAS REPORTED FOR  
16 STATISTICAL PURPOSES OR OPPOSED IF AN H.I.V. POSITIVE TEST  
17 RESULT WAS REPORTED BY CODE. BECAUSE SOMETHING I KNOW WE ALL  
18 CAN AGREE ON IS THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING PEOPLE TESTED AND  
19 ENSURING THEY KNOW THEIR STATUS. MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE BOARD  
20 OF SUPERVISORS SUGGESTS THAT'S SOMETHING YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TO  
21 JEOPARDIZE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK JUNE SCHUNHOFF AND WHOEVER ELSE  
2   HE'S GOT COME FORWARD? MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY. CAN YOU JUST  
3   EXPLAIN MEDICALLY, EPIDEMIOLOGICALLY WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT,  
4   JUST SUCCINCTLY IN LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND?  
5   AND ARE YOU RECOMMENDING THIS OR IS YOUR DEPARTMENT  
6   RECOMMENDING THIS OR IS THIS JUST COMING FROM THE  
7   H.I.V./A.I.D.S. COMMISSION? WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM? ARE WE  
8   THE ONLY COUNTY THAT'S PROPOSING TO TAKE THIS POSITION? IS  
9   THERE ANY OTHER COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA WHICH HAS OFFERED-- WHICH  
10   HAS VOTED TO LAUNCH A DRIVE TO SEEK TO PROMOTE LEGISLATION OF  
11   THIS TYPE? IF NOT, WHY NOT? I'D LIKE TO JUST PUT THIS IN SOME  
12   KIND OF CONTEXT BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND. I THINK MS.  
13   MOLINA'S QUESTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE UNLESS THERE'S SOMETHING  
14   THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SHARE WITH US AND SO I WANTED  
15   TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.

16

17   **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED THIS POLICY  
18   FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A MEMO THAT IT SENT TO THE BOARD ON  
19   AUGUST 26TH THAT WAS SIGNED BY DR. GARTHWAITE AND DR. FIELDING  
20   AND IT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING H.I.V. REPORTING AND  
21   THAT THE BOARD-- THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS NAME-BASED H.I.V.  
22   REPORTING AND WE HAD INDICATED IN THAT MEMO THAT BOTH THE  
23   PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH  
24   SERVICES HAD RECOMMENDED THIS AND THAT WE WOULD BE-- WE WOULD  
25   BE WORKING WITH. ALSO, THE CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW HAS



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1 RECOMMENDED THE NAME-BASED REPORTING FOR CALIFORNIA. WELL,  
2 AMONG MANY HUNDREDS OF OTHER THINGS BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE  
3 THINGS THEY RECOMMEND.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT AN ENDORSEMENT, BY THE WAY.

6

7 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RIGHT. BUT THE REASON, SEVERAL-- ABOUT THREE  
8 OR FOUR YEARS AGO, I THINK IT WAS 1999, THE DEPARTMENT FIRST  
9 RECOMMENDED THIS AND THE REASON WE DID SO IS BASED UPON PUBLIC  
10 HEALTH PRINCIPLES. AND THE ISSUE AT THE TIME AND CONTINUES TO  
11 BE THAT, IF WE CAN INTERVENE EARLY WITH PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. AND  
12 SEE THAT THEY GET CARE AND TREATMENT, THAT IS ONE OF THE  
13 THINGS THAT WILL HELP WITH THIS EPIDEMIC. ALSO, EVER SINCE  
14 THE-- EVER SINCE THIS MOVE FROM AN A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC TO AN  
15 H.I.V. EPIDEMIC, WE'VE NOT HAD THE INFORMATION ON H.I.V. TO  
16 FULLY UNDERSTAND WHERE IT IS, WHAT THE-- WHAT POPULATIONS ARE  
17 FULLY AFFECTED, WHAT THE LEADING EDGE OF IT MAY BE. AND SO IF  
18 WE HAVE H.I.V. REPORTING AND IT'S GOOD, IF IT'S ACCURATE, THEN  
19 WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER AND CURRENT EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA FROM  
20 WHICH TO BASE AND ON WHICH TO BASE OUR H.I.V. PREVENTION  
21 EFFORTS, OUR H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING EFFORTS, BECAUSE WE  
22 KNOW WHAT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO TARGET, WHAT POPULATIONS TO  
23 TARGET AND WHERE-- WHOSE REALLY ARE THE NEW INFECTIONS. AND  
24 THAT'S REALLY THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE IS IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH  
25 PRINCIPLE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU RECOMMENDED  
3 THIS?

4

5 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I BELIEVE IT WAS 1999.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S BEFORE THERE WAS AN ISSUE OF  
8 FUNDING TIED TO THIS?

9

10 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE IT DOES SEEM LIKE, I DON'T WANT TO  
13 USE THE WORD EXTORTION BUT IT HAS THE SMELL OF AGENCIES THAT  
14 ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING THEIR FUNDING STREAM FOR THE VITAL  
15 SERVICES THEY PROVIDE ARE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A FAUSTIAN  
16 BARGAIN HERE AND I WANT TO JUST UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S--  
17 EITHER THAT IS THE CASE OR THAT'S NOT THE CASE FROM A MEDICAL  
18 POINT OF VIEW. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT POPPED UP JUST WHEN  
19 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO PUT THE SCREWS TO-- OR THESE  
20 CONDITIONS ON THESE FUNDS. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

21

22 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT. WE RECOMMENDED THIS IN 1999 AS  
23 A PUBLIC HEALTH PRINCIPLE. AT THE TIME, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER  
24 H.I.V. REPORTING SHOULD OCCUR IN CALIFORNIA WAS BEGINNING TO  
25 COME UP IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND SOME YEARS LATER, THEN, ABOUT



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1 THREE YEARS LATER, I GUESS, THE BILL WAS PASSED THAT CALLED  
2 FOR THE CODE-BASED H.I.V. REPORTING IN THE STATE. BUT AT THE  
3 TIME, IN 1999, WE DID A FULL ANALYSIS AND PROVIDED IT TO YOU  
4 OF THE PROS AND CONS OF H.I.V. REPORTING IN THE FIRST PLACE  
5 BUT THEN ALSO NAME-BASED VERSUS CODE-BASED, AND WE CAME OUT ON  
6 THE SIDE OF NAME-BASED AS A DEPARTMENT AT THAT TIME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL QUALITATIVELY  
9 IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH, THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION? THAT WOULD  
10 TRANSLATE-- THAT WOULD WOULD CONVERT FROM A CODE-BASED TO A  
11 NAME-BASED?

12

13 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY OTHER COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA THAT  
16 HAS PROPOSED TO DO WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING THAT WE DO?

17

18 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I BELIEVE  
19 THAT SOME OF THE COUNTIES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN FAVOR OF  
20 NAME-BASED REPORTING BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYONE HAS YET  
21 PROPOSED FINDING, LOOKING FOR A SPONSOR FOR LEGISLATION IN THE  
22 NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE A-- IS THERE GOING TO BE  
25 LEGISLATION OF SOME SORT, WHETHER OR NOT WE TAKE A POSITION





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1 HERE OR WHETHER WE TRY TO FIND AN AUTHOR? I MEAN, OUR SUCCESS  
2 RATE AT GETTING LEGISLATION THROUGH IS-- ON CONTROVERSIAL  
3 ISSUES IS NOT ALL THAT GREAT, SO IS THERE AN AUTHOR WHO IS  
4 LIKELY TO PROPOSE THIS IN THE NEXT SESSION?

5

6 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T THINK WE KNOW WHO THAT WOULD BE. I  
7 THINK IT'S VERY LIKELY IT WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE NEXT  
8 SESSION, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING ISSUES WHICH HAVE  
9 ALREADY BEEN DESCRIBED, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S NOT OUR PRIMARY  
10 MOTIVATION PROMOTING THIS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHY WOULDN'T WE WAIT UNTIL THERE'S  
13 LEGISLATION TO DECIDE WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT IT OR NOT  
14 OR TRY TO SHAPE IT AFTER IT'S INTRODUCED RATHER THAN BE OUT  
15 THERE BEFORE ANY LEGISLATOR IS OR BEFORE-- I DON'T KNOW IF  
16 THERE'S ANY OTHER COUNTY THAT HAS TAKEN THIS POSITION. MY BET  
17 IS THEY'RE PROBABLY-- I BET THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY, IF ANY. I  
18 MEAN, HAS THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TAKEN A POSITION ON THE  
19 ISSUE OF NAME-BASED?

20

21 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT AN ENDORSEMENT, EITHER.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW IT'S NOT AN ENDORSEMENT BUT I DO  
2   THINK IT'S-- I DO THINK IT WOULD BE-- IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE--  
3   GIVE ME A HIGHER COMFORT LEVEL IF THEY HAD. THAT'S NOT TO SAY  
4   THAT I WOULDN'T SUPPORT IT IF THEY DON'T BUT IT WOULD  
5   CERTAINLY GIVE ME A HIGHER COMFORT LEVEL IF THEY HAD BECAUSE  
6   THEY HAVE BEEN AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF THIS SINCE DAY ONE OR AT  
7   LEAST THEIR CITIZENRY HAS. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND  
8   WHY WE'RE MOVING SO...

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT CERTAINLY HASN'T BEEN A QUICK  
11   PROCESS, ZEV, SO, I MEAN...

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I CONCEDE THAT POINT.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THE COMMISSION HAS, I  
16   THINK, DONE A VERY GOOD JOB IN THE PROCESS. THEY EXPLAINED...

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I AGREE AND I RESPECT THAT AND I THINK  
19   THE ONLY REASON WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT IS BECAUSE THE  
20   COMMISSIONERS HAVE TAKEN THIS POSITION AND THEY'VE BEEN VERY  
21   THOUGHTFUL IN THEIR APPROACH. IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE. AND  
22   I'M STRUGGLING WITH IT. I WALK INTO THIS ISSUE WHERE MS.  
23   MOLINA STARTED A WHILE BACK, A WHILE AGO, THAT MY INCLINATION  
24   IS TO BE VERY CAREFUL BEFORE YOU GO DOWN THIS ROAD AND THE  
25   ONLY REASON WE'VE BEEN OPEN TO-- I'VE BEEN OPEN TO IT IS



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1 BECAUSE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR  
2 THEIR-- AND BOTH SIDES. I MEAN, THERE ARE PEOPLE-- MR. JACOBS  
3 IS A FORMER COMMISSIONER OF MINE AND OTHERS. THESE ARE  
4 DIFFICULT ISSUES. I THINK IT'S BEEN ADDRESSED, AT LEAST FROM  
5 MY OBSERVATION, IN A VERY-- IN A VERY REASONED WAY, WHICH IS--  
6 WE'LL TAKE REASON ANYWHERE WE CAN GET IT NOWADAYS IN THIS  
7 SOCIETY, SO IT'S BEEN-- SO ANYWAY, I'M JUST-- I WISH I HAD  
8 MORE CONTEXT IN THE SACRAMENTO PIECE AND IN WHAT OTHER  
9 COUNTIES ARE DOING AND I WISH YOU WOULD-- I MEAN, YOU DIDN'T  
10 HAVE ANY WAY OF KNOWING YOU WERE GOING TO GET ASKED THESE  
11 QUESTIONS BUT I WISH YOU HAD HAD THOSE ANSWERS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE THERE'S A RELUCTANCE TO  
16 MOVE TO NAME-BASED. HOWEVER, SAN FRANCISCO, I ASSUME, WOULD  
17 NOT NECESSARILY BE CONSISTENT WITH US SINCE THEY  
18 DISPROPORTIONATELY GET MORE MONEY THAN WE DO UNDER THE PRESENT  
19 SYSTEM. THEY GET-- AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO CORRECT THIS FOR  
20 SO LONG. AND IF IT'S GOING TO BE A METHOD OF WHERE WE WILL BE  
21 ABLE TO COMPETE IN TERMS OF FUNDS, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE  
22 THE OPINION OF SOME PEOPLE THAT I KNOW HAVE BEEN AT THE  
23 FOREFRONT IN TERMS OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF H.I.V. PEOPLE  
24 AND WHO-- PEOPLE WHO HAVE A.I.D.S. AND I WOULD ASSUME THAT SAN  
25 FRANCISCO IS JUST NOT IN THE SAME PAGE THAT WE ARE, I MEAN,



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1 BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING SO LONG TO TRY TO GET EQUALIZATION  
2 WITH THEM. THEY TAKE MORE THAN-- THEY JUST TAKE  
3 DISPROPORTIONATELY SO MUCH MORE AND THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN  
4 CATCH UP, BECAUSE-- THEY WILL...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT  
7 WE WOULD BE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT FORMULA, THOUGH. SEE, WHAT  
10 HAPPENED IS, WHEN THE FORMULAS CAME IN, THEY WERE MADE TO BE  
11 DIRECTED AT WHITE MALES, OKAY, LET'S BE FRANK WITH IT. TODAY,  
12 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE H.I.V. ARE NOT ALL WHITE MALES. THEY ARE A  
13 VARIETY OF OTHER WOMEN, MINORITIES AND OTHERS. AND, AS A  
14 RESULT, AS MORE WOMEN GET INVOLVED, THEN WE HAVE BEEN GOING  
15 FURTHER AND FURTHER BEHIND IN TERMS OF THE FORMULA. NOW, I  
16 DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE ELSE IN CALIFORNIA HAS THE SAME ISSUE.  
17 I DON'T THINK SAN DIEGO, I DON'T THINK ORANGE COUNTY, I DON'T  
18 THINK THE CENTRAL VALLEY, AND WE KNOW THAT SAN FRANCISCO WILL  
19 BE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION THAN WE WOULD BE IN. SO,  
20 ORDINARILY, I WOULD TAKE A POSITION OF SAYING WE DON'T WANT TO  
21 BE THE LEADERS IN TERMS OF SOMETHING LIKE NAME-BASED BUT  
22 KNOWING WHERE WE ARE AND IF, IN FACT, THIS IS GOING TO MAKE IT  
23 POSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE AT LEAST AN EQUAL CHANCE TO GET MONEY  
24 ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A TECHNICAL QUESTION? WOULD  
4    ALL THE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME  
5    REQUIREMENTS IF THEY DON'T HAVE NAME-BASED, THEY WOULD LOSE  
6    FUNDING? SO, IF SAN FRANCISCO DIDN'T DO IT, THEY'D LOSE THEIR  
7    FUNDING? IS THAT RIGHT?

8

9    **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE STATE COULD CHOOSE TO LET COUNTIES CHOOSE  
10    HOW THEY WANTED TO IMPLEMENT IT. THAT'S A POSSIBILITY BUT IT  
11    WOULD STILL-- TO CHANGE FROM WHERE WE ARE WOULD REQUIRE  
12    LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. AND WHETHER-- ULTIMATELY, WHETHER THE  
13    SYSTEM, IF SOME COUNTIES STAYED WITH CODE-BASED AND OTHERS  
14    WENT TO NAME-BASED, WHETHER THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE  
15    C.D.C. RELATIVE TO FUNDING IS NOT CLEAR, EITHER, IN MY MIND.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHAT HAS C.D.C. SAID UP UNTIL NOW?

18

19    **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY-TO-COUNTY  
20    ISSUE. LOS ANGELES COMPRISES ABOUT 35% OF ALL A.I.D.S. CASES.  
21    WE ARE ASSUMING THAT IT'S ABOUT THE SAME FOR H.I.V. CASES AS  
22    WELL. SO WE HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN TO REPORT THE  
23    PREVALENT H.I.V. CASES IN THIS COUNTY COMPARED TO SMALLER  
24    AREAS, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY WITH-- YOU KNOW, SAN FRANCISCO  
25    WITH 49 SQUARE MILES COMPARED TO 4,000 SQUARE MILES AND



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1 HUNDREDS OF PROVIDERS HERE, AND WE ESTIMATE OVER 20-- 20 TO  
2 25,000 PERSONS IN CARE FOR NON-A.I.D.S. H.I.V. THAT NEEDS TO  
3 BE REPORTED. SAN DIEGO COUNTY WAS PART OF A PILOT PROJECT FOR  
4 H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE, SO THEY GOT A YEAR'S JUMP ON US. THEY  
5 STARTED A YEAR AHEAD OF TIME. THE SMALLER COUNTIES HAVE A  
6 LOWER DISEASE BURDEN AND ARE PRETTY MUCH AT A LEVEL OF  
7 COMPLETENESS IN THEIR CASE COUNTS. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE HERE IS  
8 THAT, WITH OVER 20,000 CASES TO REPORT AND ONLY 14,000 OF THEM  
9 REPORTED TO DATE, THE CODE-BASED SYSTEM IS VERY INEFFICIENT  
10 FOR US AND IT'S CREATING A PROBLEM THAT WILL TAKE US AT LEAST  
11 FOUR OR FIVE MORE YEARS TO GET TO THE NUMBER OF-- THE TOTAL  
12 NUMBER OF CASES THAT NEED TO BE REPORTED BECAUSE THE PROVIDERS  
13 ARE NOT KEEPING THE CROSS-REFERENCE LOGS THAT THEY ARE  
14 REQUIRED TO KEEP.

15  
16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE C.D.C. REQUIREMENT?

17  
18 **SPEAKER:** THE C.D.C. DOES NOT HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR STATES TO  
19 HAVE A PARTICULAR TYPE OF REPORTING SYSTEM. THE C.D.C.  
20 SUPPORTS NAME-BASED REPORTING BUT IT IS UP TO THE STATE TO  
21 DETERMINE THEIR OWN REPORTING METHOD.

22  
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY IS THERE A PERCEPTION THAT FUNDING  
24 WOULD BE CUT OFF IF WE DON'T GO TO NAME-BASED?



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1 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE RYAN WHITE CARE ACT FUNDING, IT HAS BEEN  
2 DETERMINED, WILL BE BASED ON H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE DATA NO LATER  
3 THAN 2007.

4  
5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT IS A NAME-BASED SURVEILLANCE DATA?

6  
7 **SPEAKER:** NO, JUST H.I.V.-- H.I.V. SURVEILLANCE DATA.

8  
9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHETHER IT'S NAME-BASED OR CODE-BASED, IS  
10 UP TO THE STATES TO DETERMINE?

11  
12 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. AND THE PROBLEM WITH THE CODE-BASED SYSTEM IS  
13 THAT IT IS SO INEFFICIENT THAT IT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO GET TO  
14 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES...

15  
16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. DOES THE RYAN WHITE CARE ACT  
17 REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF REPORTING, A HUNDRED  
18 PERCENT, 99% REPORTING? OR WHY WOULD YOU-- I'M TRYING TO  
19 UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE ARE-- WHO HAVE TESTIFIED OR WHO HAVE  
20 WRITTEN TO ME ARE OF THE-- FEAR THAT THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE  
21 FUNDS AS A RESULT OF-- BY NOT GOING TO NAME-BASED?

22  
23 **SPEAKER:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE FORMULA-- IT IS BASED ON  
24 A.I.D.S. CASE DATA NOW. PART OF THE FORMULA IS THE TOTAL  
25 NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED FROM A GIVEN JURISDICTION AND THAT





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1 DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED. THE POSSIBILITY IS--  
2 AND IT IS A POSSIBILITY POSSIBILITY THAT, WHEN IT CONVERTS TO  
3 H.I.V. CASES, IF YOU ARE STILL UNDER COUNTING YOUR CASES  
4 BECAUSE OF YOUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM OR FOR WHATEVER REASON,  
5 THERE IS THE POTENTIAL THAT THAT WOULD IMPACT THE FUNDING.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. ALL RIGHT. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND  
8 THAT CLEARLY BEFORE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS HARD IS THIS IS BEING TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO US,  
15 IT WOULD JUST SEEM BETTER TO ME THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE  
16 STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORS SUCH A BILL, PUTS IT ON SO WE HAVE A  
17 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT MEANS AND EVERYBODY WEIGHS  
18 IN. I MEAN, I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF OUR LOBBYISTS DOING THE WORK  
19 THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT SOMETHING SHOULD BE CLEAR AND IT'S  
20 NOT VERY CLEAR AND I THINK THE CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUE IS MORE  
21 IMPORTANT THAN THE BUREAUCRATIC NEED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR  
22 SOME PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT I FEEL LIKE WE'RE GOING THROUGH,  
23 SO I'D LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE A MOTION AND SAY LET'S WAIT UNTIL  
24 THE LEGISLATURE-- LEGISLATIVE BILL IS BEFORE US AND THEN BRING  
25 IT TO US AND HOPEFULLY, YOU KNOW, WE CAN DO THE RIGHT THING



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1 AND-- SO THAT WE ARE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTION AND ALL OF THOSE  
2 AREAS BUT ALSO DO THE UTMOST TO KEEP THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
3 THOSE THAT WISH IT TO BE CONFIDENTIAL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST WOULD SPEAK AGAINST THE MOTION IN  
6 THE SENSE THAT THE SUBSTITUTE, IF THERE'S A SECOND, IN THE  
7 SENSE THAT I MIGHT FEEL THE SAME WAY, IF MAYBE JUST THE  
8 DEPARTMENT BROUGHT IT FORWARD OR SOMETHING ELSE BUT, YOU KNOW,  
9 THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD THIS VERY THOUGHTFUL OPEN  
10 PROCESS AND THE FACT THAT IT OFFERS A CHOICE, TOTAL  
11 CONFIDENTIALITY OR-- YOU KNOW, EITHER WAY, THAT I THINK THAT,  
12 YOU KNOW, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A COUNTY OF OUR SIZE,  
13 BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, TO BE PROACTIVE IN ISSUES  
14 LIKE THIS, TO GET OUT AHEAD OF IT. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE  
17 FRUSTRATION OF THE FUNDING CYCLES AND THE FUNDING FORMULAS  
18 THAT SEEM TO KEEP US AND, YOU KNOW, THE 58 COUNTIES DOWN  
19 TOWARDS THE BOTTOM. SO IF THERE'S A SECOND TO SUPERVISOR  
20 MOLINA'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION, I WOULD ENCOURAGE A "NO" VOTE. IS  
21 THERE A SECOND TO THE SUBSTITUTE, WHICH...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS WHAT?

24



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HER SUBSTITUTE WOULD BE TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT  
2    THE STATE DOES.

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, IT'S NOT, BUT LET'S WAIT TO SEE-- LET'S SEE  
5    WHAT THE LEGISLATIVE BILL LOOKS LIKE.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO US AND THEN WE  
10    WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER TAKE THE POSITION SO WE'D  
11    HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT.

12

13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT? OKAY. MOTION  
14    DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE  
15    IT. SUPERVISOR BURKE SECONDS. ROLL CALL.

16

17    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

20

21    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

22

23    **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

24

25    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTIONS CARRIES FOUR TO ONE. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING  
15 DOWN AND TESTIFYING AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE COMMISSION  
16 FOR THEIR GREAT EFFORT ON A VERY DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL  
17 ISSUE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I'VE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** VERY THOUGHTFUL DAMAGE. NEXT, I HAVE SOME  
22 ADJOURNMENTS, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HELEN SAVOIAN,  
23 WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 3RD. SHE WAS PREDECEASED BY HER  
24 HUSBAND, JOE; DAUGHTER, JOANNA; SISTER, ELIZABETH. SHE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY TWO BROTHERS, BOB AND MOE; THREE SISTERS, VICKY,



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1 ESTHER AND MAGGIE; SON, ROY; DAUGHTER, JANICE; JOHN, FOUR  
2 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. A SWEET LADY, A  
3 DEAR FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. ALSO, WE MENTIONED  
4 CHRISTOPHER REEVE AS WELL. JUANITA MARIE BRYSON-VILLASENOR WHO  
5 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY, VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FOUNDING OF THE  
6 PENINSULA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
7 HUSBAND, JACK, CHILDREN, BILL AND TITA. SHE'LL BE GREATLY  
8 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY THAT SHE SERVED FOR SO  
9 MANY YEARS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANCES  
10 BRUMMETTE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WORKED FOR  
11 MCDONNELL DOUGLAS FOR 23 YEARS. FOR 20 YEARS, SHE WAS AN  
12 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SENIOR NUTRITION  
13 PROGRAM IN LAKEWOOD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, ELAINE  
14 AND KAY; SON, KENNETH;, GRANDSONS, MARK, CARTER, AND GREG AND  
15 BRETT; AND 15 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
16 THE MEMORY OF INA OGDEN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89.  
17 VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE WEINGART-LAKEWOOD Y.M.C.A. MATTER OF  
18 FACT, SHE WAS THERE AT THE Y.M.C.A. POOL PLAYING-- AT THE AGE  
19 OF 89, PLAYING WATER VOLLEYBALL WHEN SHE WAS STRUCK AND SO SHE  
20 ALWAYS-- YOU COULD SEE HER AROUND TOWN RIDING HER MOTOR  
21 SCOOTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, VINA AND LANI. A  
22 GREAT LADY. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUDY WISSEMA,  
23 PROUDLY SERVED IN VIETNAM, PURPLE HEART VETERAN. HE JOINED THE  
24 EL MONTE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIRE DISPATCHER IN '76. IN '98,  
25 HE JOINED THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FIRE DISPATCHER AND



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1 SOON BECAME SUPERVISING FIRE DISPATCHER. RUDY PASSED AWAY ON  
2 MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, AFTER A LONG-TERM BATTLE WITH CANCER AT  
3 THE AGE OF 55. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO  
4 HIS WIFE, VICKY AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY. WITH THAT, SO  
5 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EMORY  
8 ANTHONY KAUZLARICH OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE WAS A 38-YEAR  
9 RESIDENT OF NEWHALL AND MEMBER OF THE RANCHO VISTADORES, AND  
10 SENIOR PRO RODEO ORGANIZATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL RODEO  
11 COWBOY ASSOCIATION. HELENE SILVERMAN, WHO WAS A BELOVED WIFE,  
12 MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND FRIEND. HELENE SILVERMAN PASSED AWAY  
13 ON OCTOBER 3RD. THE COMMUNITY THANKS HER FOR HER RELIGIOUS  
14 TEACHINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO BISHOP ALEMANY HIGH SCHOOL FROM  
15 1983 TO 2001. SHE WORKED ON THE SIERRA PROJECT OF THE  
16 ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES FROM 1990 TO '93 AND OFTEN  
17 DISTRIBUTED THE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AT HER LOCAL  
18 HOSPITAL. JOSEPH PATTERSON, A RETIRED LIEUTENANT FROM THE LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
20 66, RETIRED IN 1991. GARY FISH, RETIRED IN 1989, RETIRED  
21 SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND  
22 CONSUELO CORRALES, MOTHER OF DAVID AND HECTOR CORRALES, PASSED  
23 AWAY ON OCTOBER 3RD. AND I JUST HAVE A MOTION FOR READ-IN THAT  
24 WE DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC. TO REDUCE THE RENTAL  
25 FEES FROM \$327.50 TO \$197.50 FOR THE Y.M.C.A. "Y" GUIDE OF



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1 VERTIGO HILLS FOR THE USE OF CRESCENTA VALLEY PARK ON OCTOBER  
2 16TH. THIS IS THE HOSTING OF THE 2004 \_\_\_\_\_ NATION  
3 WHITE GUIDE INDUCTION CEREMONY AT THE CRESCENTA VALLEY PARK ON  
4 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. WHAT'S INTERESTING ON THIS, WHEN WE  
5 DID THIS LAST YEAR, THE L.A. TIMES DID THIS STORY. THEY WERE  
6 DOING THIS FOR AN INDIAN TRIBE LIKE A CASINO AND WROTE BACK  
7 THAT IT WAS REALLY THE INDIAN GUIDES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
8 THIRD GRADE AND THEY SAID, OH, WE MADE A MISTAKE. SO, ANYWAY,  
9 ONCE AGAIN, WE BRING THIS MOTION IN. IF WE COULD SO MOVE IT,  
10 MADAM CHAIR? YOU'RE THE CHAIRMAN.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, I'M SORRY, SIR. I APOLOGIZE. MR. KNABE HAS  
13 LEFT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FOR OCTOBER 16TH.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES IT HAVE THE FINDING ON IT?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FEE WAIVER AT THE PARK FOR THE YMCA.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IF THE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS ARE THERE,  
22 IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 BURKE. JUST, MR. FORTNER, YOU'VE SEEN THE MEMO. IS IT  
24 APPROPRIATE?

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1   **RAY FORTNER:** MADAM CHAIR, I DID NOT HEAR THE BEGINNING PART OF  
2   THE DISCUSSION THAT THIS MATTER...

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FEE WAIVER FOR THE PARK.

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT COULD YOU STATE THE FINDINGS FOR IT?

7

8   **RAY FORTNER:** AND IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, I  
9   BELIEVE AS THERE'S NOT ANOTHER MEETING IN THE INTERIM, SO THAT  
10   WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE ASKING HIM TO STATE THE  
13   FINDINGS?

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. HE'S SAYING IF THERE WAS NOT ANOTHER  
16   MEETING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 16TH.

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18   **RAY FORTNER:** I THINK THE RECORD WILL CONTAIN THE EARLIER  
19   COMMENTARY AND SO THE MOTION WOULD BE...

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** APPROPRIATE.

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23   **RAY FORTNER:** WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, THAT'S RIGHT.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO  
3   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT OTHER ITEMS DO WE HAVE BEFORE US?  
8   MS. BURKE, YOUR SPECIALS, I GUESS?

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE-- DO WE HAVE ANYTHING?

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12   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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14   **SUP. BURKE:** ARE THERE OTHER ITEMS LEFT?

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I THINK THERE ARE. I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH  
17   THEM RIGHT NOW AND FIND OUT.

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19   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. WE HAVE ITEMS 13, 30 AND 51-A LEFT.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 13'S ON THE HOMELESS. THERE WAS A MEMBER OF  
22   THE PUBLIC.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC. I DON'T HAVE THE--  
2   MR. ROBINSON, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. ON ITEM NUMBER 13.  
3   PLEASE PROCEED, MR. ROBINSON.

4  
5   **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,  
6   NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. MA'AM, THROUGH THE CHAIR, I SUPPORT  
7   MICHAEL'S HOUSING HOUSING SANTA CLARITA'S HOMELESS IN A MOTEL.  
8   MA'AM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S COMPASSION IS APPARENT. SANTA  
9   CLARITA'S HOMELESS PROBLEM IS SYMPTOMATIC OF A GREATER COUNTY  
10   PROBLEM. THE SOLUTION MUST BE COMPREHENSIVE IF THE STREETS ARE  
11   NOT TO BE FILLED WITH MORE HOMELESS. THE CULTURE OF  
12   HOMELESSNESS IS AT THE TIPPING POINT. IRONICALLY, THE NUMBER  
13   OF HOMELESS PEOPLE WILL INCREASE BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESSFUL  
14   DIRECTION PRESIDENT BUSH'S ECONOMIC PLAN HAS TAKEN. OUR  
15   NATION'S MEASURED ECONOMIC GROWTH IS ENSURING A STABLE  
16   ECONOMIC BASE AS WE EMERGE FROM THE DEFICIT CAUSED BY  
17   SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001'S TERRORIST ATTACKS. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER  
18   OF THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO LIFT THEMSELVES OUT OF  
19   POVERTY BECAUSE OF COMPETITION FOR JOBS WILL INCREASE UNTIL  
20   THE PRESIDENT'S FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE ESTABLISHES ITSELF.  
21   BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IS INCREASING, THE SOLUTION IS TO END THE  
22   REVOLVING DOOR MINDSET THAT HAS TURNED SKID ROW DOWNTOWN INTO  
23   A PIT. THAT MELTING POT IS PRIME FOR A SOLUTION, A CENTRALIZED  
24   INTAKE FACILITY. DUPLICATION OF SERVICES CAN BE ELIMINATED  
25   WHEN A JOINT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND THE CITY



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1 UTILIZING THE RETROFITTING AND ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE MORE THAN  
2 A THOUSAND ROOMS IN A MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL IS ADOPTED. THE  
3 COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND TREATMENT SERVICE WITH THE MOBILE  
4 ASSISTANCE PATROL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, MOVED  
7 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
8 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE HAVE ITEM 30.  
9 MISS AUTRY. IS MISS AUTRY HERE? OH, HERE SHE IS. OKAY. IF  
10 YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE.

11

12 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YVONNE  
13 MICHELLE AUTRY. THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS  
14 THE BOARD. I WANTED TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE OF, IF I'M  
15 UNDERSTANDING CORRECTLY, THAT THE FUNDING FOR SCREENING,  
16 DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT IN THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
17 DEALING WITH THE CHILDREN AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.  
18 SPECIFICALLY, I WANTED TO URGE YOU TO PLEASE USE ANY MONIES  
19 AVAILABLE TO EXPLORE NEW PARADIGMS AND STANDARDS FOR  
20 TREATMENT, DIAGNOSIS OR MISTREATMENT FOR A LOT OF THESE  
21 CHILDREN. THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS DONE  
22 NUMEROUS WORKS AND WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS ON PSYCHIATRY,  
23 HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND GLOBAL FAILURE, HAVING PSYCHIATRY  
24 EDUCATIONS RUINED, VICTIMIZING THE ELDERLY, PSYCHIATRY  
25 COMMITTING FRAUD, YOU KNOW, PSYCHIATRY DESTROYING RELIGION. I



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1 HAVE NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS. THEY'RE FREE FROM THE CITIZENS  
2 COMMISSION ON HUMANS RIGHTS THAT EXPLORE AND EXPLAIN AND  
3 REVEAL THAT A LOT OF THE CHILDREN, ADULTS, SENIORS ARE  
4 EXPERIMENTED ON WITH PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS. YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T  
5 HAVE TO PERFORM SURGICAL LOBOTOMIES ANY MORE. A LOT OF KIDS  
6 ARE GETTING RITALIN. THEY'RE SELLING THE DRUGS ON CAMPUS AND  
7 WHAT THEY NEED IS PROBABLY DIFFERENT DIETS. EVEN ON KJLA THEY  
8 SPOKE ABOUT HOW SUGAR CAN CAUSE HYPERACTIVITY, TOO MUCH SALT,  
9 PRESERVED FOODS, EXCESSIVELY PROCESSED FOODS. IN AMERICA, THEY  
10 EVEN HAVE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS AND THIS IS AN  
11 INDUSTRY, JUST LIKE THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. THE  
12 PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG INDUSTRY IS BOOMING. I WAS MISDIAGNOSED. I'M  
13 NOT CRAZY. I'M VERBOSE BUT I'M NOT CRAZY. I SPEAK FIVE  
14 LANGUAGES. IT DOES NOT MAKE ME SCHIZOPHRENIC. IT MAKES ME  
15 MULTI-LINGUAL. AND A LOT OF THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING  
16 MISDIAGNOSED AND THEY ARE BEING CATEGORIZED AND THAT STIGMA  
17 FOLLOWS THEM FOREVER. AND THEY'RE BEING DRUGGED AND THEN THEY  
18 SELL THE DRUGS. AND SO I THINK YOU SHOULD EXPLORE HOW TO USE  
19 THE MONIES TO EXPLORE WHY ARE THEY MISBEHAVING? WERE THEY  
20 MISTREATED? IS THEIR DIET WRONG? ARE THEY SUFFERING IMBALANCES  
21 BECAUSE OF THAT? AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT STANDARDS AND NEW  
22 PARADIGMS BY WHICH YOU CAN TREAT THESE CHILDREN. YOU CAN  
23 MINISTER TO THEM AND COUNSEL THEM. THEY DON'T NEED DRUGS. AND  
24 SO YOU CAN USE THE MONEY TO EXPLORE THESE DIFFERENT MEANS BY  
25 WHICH YOU CAN TREAT INSTEAD OF MISDIAGNOSE LIKE MICHAEL



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1 MALONEY IS DOING DOWN HERE AT THE TWIN TOWERS AND ALSO IN  
2 PASADENA FOR ADULTS, NOT JUST CHILDREN. CANDACE OWEN CAN TALK  
3 TO YOU ABOUT MICHAEL MALONEY, AS WELL, SO IF YOU COULD, YOU  
4 KNOW, IF THAT'S WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION, I'D APPRECIATE THAT  
5 AND I'M SURE CHILDREN WOULD, AS WELL, WHO ARE BEING  
6 MISDIAGNOSED AND SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, ITEM 30, MOVED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF  
10 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN WE HAVE 51-A. MR.  
11 BAXTER?

12

13 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
14 MISS HARPER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
15 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS  
16 AGENDA ITEM CONCERNS A PROPOSED COUNTY TASK FORCE TO INCLUDE  
17 CONSULTING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES FOREST  
18 SERVICE IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE AND HOPEFULLY ACHIEVE SOME  
19 CONTROL OVER THE FOREST FIRES THAT CAUSED THE LOSS OF  
20 THOUSANDS OF HOMES IN CALIFORNIA. IT WOULD SEEM THAT, NO  
21 MATTER WHAT IS UNDERTAKEN, A FIRE IN THE FOREST BURNS ITSELF  
22 OUT IN EVERY INSTANCE. THE MASSING OF EQUIPMENT AND THE  
23 ACTIVITY OF FIREFIGHTERS MAY OBTAIN ISOLATED SUCCESSES BUT  
24 OVERALL, NOTHING STOPS THE PROGRESS OF A FOREST FIRE. EVERY  
25 HOME THAT IS LOST IS CAPABLE OF BEING COVERED IN A COMPLETE



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1 FOG OF STEAM FOR AS LONG AS THE DANGER FROM FIRE IS PRESENT.  
2 THE ACTUAL THREAT FROM FIRE TO A HOME IS TO BE MEASURED IN  
3 MINUTES. IT TAKES BUT MINUTES TO RESIST THE DANGER FROM FIRE  
4 AND A FIRE IS UNABLE TO BREAK THROUGH A FOG OF STEAM. A  
5 STANDARD 500 GALLON FIRE TRUCK IS USELESS WITHOUT A CONSTANT  
6 SUPPLY OF WATER AND WATER IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. FIRE TRUCKS  
7 COST IN THE REGION OF \$300,000. WHEN THOUSANDS OF HOMES ARE  
8 THREATENED BY FIRE, IT IS CERTAIN THAT FIRE TRUCKS ARE  
9 AVAILABLE FOR ONLY A FEW HOMES. IN CONTRAST TO THAT EXPENSE  
10 AND LIMITED SUPPLY OF FIRE TRUCKS, A STEAM-GENERATING MACHINE  
11 IS AVAILABLE FOR A SUM WHICH IS ABOUT 1,000 TIMES LESS THAN A  
12 FIRE TRUCK. HOMEOWNERS THEMSELVES WOULD FURNISH THEIR OWN  
13 STEAM- GENERATING UNITS WITH THE OPERATORS ALSO TO PRODUCE THE  
14 STEAM, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU,  
15 MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BAXTER. THAT ITEM IS  
18 BEFORE US, 51-A. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MISS  
20 CLAVREUL WANTS TO ADDRESS US ON ITEM CS-4. MISS CLAVREUL?  
21 SHE'S LEFT? ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE, DID YOU HAVE ANY  
22 ADJOURNMENTS?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T YOU PROCEED WITH THOSE.

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
4    ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BYRON LEE, JR., WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED  
5    THIS WEEKEND WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE THROUGH AN ALLEY NEAR HIS  
6    HOME IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HE WAS A FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL NINTH  
7    GRADER. HE WAS A BELOVED SON OF KIEFER BYNUM. I'D LIKE TO ADD  
8    THAT I WAS GOING TO HAVE-- REQUEST THAT, FOR NEXT WEEK, WE  
9    HAVE A REWARD BUT I'M HOLDING OFF ON THAT BECAUSE, APPARENTLY,  
10   THERE IS STILL A LOT OF INVESTIGATION AND PEOPLE THAT MUST  
11   HAVE SEEN IT, FROM WHAT WE ARE HEARING, AND HOW THEY'RE  
12   DESCRIBING WHAT HAPPENED. THEN KARLETTE RACHELLE NORWOOD, WHO  
13   PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 17TH AT THE AGE OF 42 AFTER LOSING  
14   HER LONG HARD- FOUGHT BATTLE WITH BREAST CANCER. MS. NORWOOD  
15   WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. SHE WAS LOYAL  
16   MEMBER OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICAN SINCE 1968. IN JACK AND  
17   JILL, MISS NORWOOD SERVED ON MANY COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP  
18   POSITIONS. AS A GIRL, SHE SERVED AS A CANDY STRIPER AT LOCAL  
19   HOSPITALS AND SHE HELPED TO FEED THE HOMELESS. SHE IS SURVIVED  
20   BY HER PARENTS, EDWARD AND BLANCHE TOPPS, THREE CHILDREN,  
21   KIMBERLY MONIQUE, AGE 15, CAROLYN MONETTE, AGE 13 AND KARL,  
22   AGE NINE, TWO SIBLINGS, EDDIE TOPPS AND KENDRA SPEIGHTS AND  
23   ONE BROTHER-IN-LAW, FABIAN SPADE. I'M ALSO ASKING THAT WE  
24   ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROY EUGENE ORD, JR. AND I WILL  
25   PRESENT THE INFORMATION, IF I CAN DO THAT, PROVIDE THE



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1 INFORMATION LATER BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME. HE'S A  
2 RELATIVE OF ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS AND SHE, UNDERSTANDABLY,  
3 IS NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS REQUEST FOR  
8 A REPORT BACK. IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT A 28-YEAR-OLD  
9 PATIENT DIED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DREW MEDICAL CENTER  
10 LAST THURSDAY AFTER A NURSE HAD ALLEGEDLY LOWERED THE VOLUME  
11 ON THE PATIENT'S VITAL SIGNS MONITOR TO A POINT IN WHICH IT  
12 WAS NOT AUDIBLE AND FAILED TO ADEQUATELY CHECK THE PATIENT. I  
13 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE  
14 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK  
15 IN WRITING ON THIS INCIDENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN  
16 CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 19TH, 2004. THE REPORT SHOULD  
17 INCLUDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE  
18 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT, THE DISPOSITION OF  
19 ANY PERSONNEL MATTERS AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN. I'D  
20 LIKE TO-- OH, I GUESS I'M GOING TO MOVE THAT AS A REPORT BACK.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON  
3   THAT.

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE OTHER REQUEST FOR A REPORT BACK. I READ  
6   THIS WEEK AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR MARINA ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES  
7   TO VESSELS THAT ARE NOT MOVEABLE AND THEY'RE NOT OPERATIVE.  
8   AND THERE WERE SOME STATEMENTS IN THERE IN TERMS OF THE  
9   CONFLICT OF OUR ORDINANCE WITH THE STATE LAW AND STATE  
10   REGULATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK  
11   TO US IN WHAT APPROPRIATE FORUM ON THE VALIDITY OF THOSE  
12   ALLEGATIONS AND WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BRING IT WITHIN  
13   CONFORMITY WITH STATE LAW. ALSO MOVE-- OR DO I HAVE TO MAKE A  
14   MOTION? COULD I SIMPLY ASK FOR THAT?

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS YOU CAN. IT'S JUST A REPORT, RIGHT?

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18   **SUP. BURKE:** JUST A REPORT, RIGHT. IT'S A REPORT BACK IN THE  
19   APPROPRIATE FORUM.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** I WANTED TO PASS THAT ON TO SUPERVISOR KNABE, BUT  
24   HE HAD LEFT BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. I THINK THAT'S ALL RIGHT. OKAY.

2    ANYTHING ELSE, MS. BURKE?

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4    **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S ALL.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE UNDER  
7    PUBLIC COMMENT. STEVEN SCHRIEREN, I HOPE THAT'S CORRECT, MANNY  
8    MARTINEZ, BRANDON STEPHENSON. IF THEY'D JOIN US. PLEASE  
9    PROCEED.

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11   **MANNY MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MANNY MARTINEZ. WE  
12   REPRESENT, "WE" BEING MR. SCHRIEREN AND MYSELF, TWO DIFFERENT  
13   COMPANIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO BID ON A OFFICE OF  
14   PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT. ESSENTIALLY WHAT  
15   WE'RE HERE FOR IS TO, HOPEFULLY, ACCOMPLISH AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
16   HAVE THIS MITIGATED AND THAT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT IS ACTUALLY  
17   UNDERMINING ANY POSSIBILITY OF ANY SMALL BUSINESS, SUCH AS  
18   OURS, TO BID ON THIS PROPOSAL, AND THAT IS A REQUIREMENT OF A  
19   BID PROPOSAL BOND. IT'S VERY-- IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE FOR SMALL  
20   EMERGING BUSINESSES SUCH AS OURS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE ABOUT  
21   SEVEN YEARS PERFORMING SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22   ANGELES UNDER THE CURRENT AS-NEEDED CONTRACT. MR. SCHRIEREN  
23   ALSO HAS SOME COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THIS BUT, BASICALLY, WE  
24   SHARE THIS CONCERN, NOT JUST AS TWO COMPANIES BUT OTHERS THAT  
25   WERE UNABLE TO BE HERE THAT ARE ALSO SMALL AND EMERGING



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1 COMPANIES THAT, ESSENTIALLY, ARE UNABLE TO OVERCOME THIS, THE  
2 REQUIREMENT AT THIS TIME.

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4 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** HI. MY NAME IS STEVE SCHRIEREN. I OWN NORTH  
5 AMERICAN SECURITY. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE DO ALL OF THE  
6 D.P.S.S. IN THE COUNTY. WE'VE WORKED, STARTING UP, EACH ONE OF  
7 US, BY JUST STARTING WITH ONE D.P.S.S. AND, OVER THE YEARS,  
8 HAVE GAINED A FOOTHOLD TO WHERE WE HAVE ALL OF THEM. NOW,  
9 WE'VE BEEN DOING THEM FOR SEVEN YEARS AND, EVERY FIVE YEARS,  
10 THE CONTRACT COMES UP. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. WE ARE COMPETITIVE  
11 AGAINST OUR LARGER SECURITY COMPANIES. WE ARE A LOWER BIDDER  
12 THAN MOST OF THEM BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE SEEN AT ALL  
13 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAND THE COUNTY EITHER A \$700,000 CASHIER'S  
14 CHECK OR A BID BOND FOR \$700,000 OR THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT OUR  
15 BID FOR A JOB THAT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN DOING FOR SEVEN YEARS.  
16 NOW, THE PROBLEM WITH THIS, IT'S WIPING OUT ALL THE MINORITY  
17 COMPANIES AND ALL THE SMALL BUSINESSES. I AM A DISABLED  
18 VETERAN. I HAVE THE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
19 STATUS BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BID ON A JOB THAT  
20 WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS.  
21 WE SENT LETTERS TO EACH OF YOUR OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW IF  
22 EVERYONE GOT THEM OR NOT NOT BUT...

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE GOT IT LAST WEEK.

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1   **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** WE JUST TRIED TO DETAIL WHAT WENT ON  
2   BECAUSE, I MEAN, IF YOU WANTED A \$50,000 CHECK, WE CAN HAND  
3   THAT TO YOU. THEY CAN HOLD THAT OVER US OR WHATEVER. THEY CAN  
4   ALWAYS STOP PAYMENT IF WE'RE NOT PERFORMING. BUT TO ADD A 10%,  
5   BECAUSE WE HAVE TO-- THERE'S FOUR CONTRACTS WITHIN THE R.F.P.  
6   FOR US TO BID TO TRY TO GET ONE OF THE CONTRACTS, WE NEED TO  
7   TRY TO BID ON ALL FOUR. TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO TAKE THE DOLLAR  
8   AMOUNT FOR THE TWO HIGHEST ONES AND GIVE YOU 10% OF IT OR THEY  
9   WON'T LOOK AT IT. THAT'S JUST TO WIN EVEN THE SMALLEST BID.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT WAS A LETTER THAT WE HAD  
12   RECEIVED LAST WEEK. THEY RAISE A VERY VALID POINT. THE ONE WHO  
13   INITIATED THE PROGRAM TO BRING IN SMALLER BUSINESSES TO  
14   COMPETE AND WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT TO THE VARIOUS VENUES IN THIS  
15   COUNTY GETTING SMALLER BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE AND MANY OF  
16   THEM HAVE COME FORWARD. NOW THIS ARBITRARY RULE COMES INTO  
17   PLAY, WHICH IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING.  
18   SO HOW DO WE BRIDGE THE GAP AND MOVE FORWARD?

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20   **RAY FORTNER:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE-- I HAVE  
21   NOT YET SEEN THE LETTER THAT YOU REFERRED TO BUT I UNDERSTAND  
22   THE ISSUE. IT IS NOT ONE THAT IS DRIVEN BY LEGAL REQUIREMENTS,  
23   IT IS DRIVEN BY THE PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISSUING  
24   DEPARTMENT. IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD BE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
25   RESOURCES THAT ISSUED THAT REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU AND HUMAN RESOURCES, C.A.O. MAKE A  
3 REPORT BACK? BECAUSE THAT WILL IMPACT OTHER CONTRACTS THAT  
4 WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS WELL. AND, AGAIN, THAT'S GOING COUNTER  
5 TO OUR INITIATIVE IN BRINGING IN SMALLER BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE  
6 SERVICES TO THE COUNTY AND THEN REPORT BACK NEXT WEEK ON THAT?

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8 **SHARON HARPER:** WE'LL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR. IT'S MY  
9 UNDERSTANDING THAT D.H.R. IS ALREADY LOOKING INTO IT AND I  
10 BELIEVE IS IN THE PROCESS OF EXTENDING THE BID TIMES, SO WE'LL  
11 LOOK INTO IT AND MAKE A REPORT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THEY'VE EXTENDED IT FOR ONE WEEK.

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15 **MANNY MARTINEZ:** THAT'S WELCOME. IT DOESN'T SEEM REALISTIC AS  
16 YET, GIVEN WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. NO, YOU RAISE A VERY VALID POINT. IT'S  
19 JUST COUNTER TO THESE OUTREACH PROGRAMS WE'VE BEEN INITIATING  
20 SO...

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22 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** SEE, WE'VE PROVEN, OVER THE YEARS, THAT WE  
23 CAN DO THE JOB AND WE'VE BEEN DOING IT OR WE WOULDN'T STILL BE  
24 HERE RIGHT NOW. AND, BY USING THIS BID BOND, I CAN UNDERSTAND,  
25 YOU HAD A COMPANY IN AT ONE TIME, ENERCON, WHO HAD THE ENTIRE





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1 COUNTY. WE CAME INTO EXISTENCE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT PERFORM  
2 THEIR JOB. THEY DIDN'T-- THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO FULFILL THE  
3 POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY UNDER BID LOW ENOUGH THAT THEY WERE  
4 PAYING GUARDS MINIMUM WAGES. NOBODY WANTED TO WORK FOR THEM.  
5 IF MANNY OFFERED THEM 10 CENTS AN HOUR OR IF I OFFERED THEM 10  
6 CENTS, THEY WOULD LEAVE AND COME TO US. WE'VE BUILT OUR  
7 COMPANY BECAUSE OF THAT FAILURE OF THAT PARTICULAR COMPANY.

8

9 **MANNY MARTINEZ:** THIS OCCURRED NOT ONLY ONCE BUT TWICE DURING  
10 OUR TENURE WITH THE COUNTY. ANOTHER COMPANY BY THE NAME OF  
11 PAGE ALSO DEFAULTED ON THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND WE  
12 STEPPED IN AND, EVER SINCE, HAVE BEEN PERFORMING TO THE  
13 SATISFACTION OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO EXTEND THE R.F.P. FOR A  
16 WEEK AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO TALK AND LET US KNOW NEXT WEEK  
17 WHAT...

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19 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** YEAH. THEY CALLED US TODAY AND SAID THEY  
20 WERE GOING TO EXTEND IT FOR ONE WEEK. BUT, EVEN WITH THE  
21 INSURANCE COMPANY TRYING TO GET US A BOND, BECAUSE WE'RE SMALL  
22 AND MOST OF THESE BID BONDS ARE FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES,  
23 IT'S NOT REALLY FOR A SERVICE INDUSTRY. THEY'RE HAVING A HARD  
24 TIME DEALING WITH IT, SAYING WE DON'T KNOW IF WE SHOULD TAKE



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1 THE RISK, EVEN THOUGH WE CAN SHOW THEM THE TRACK RECORD THAT  
2 WE'VE DONE THE JOB FOR YOU.

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4 **MANNY MARTINEZ:** YEAH, THEY'VE ADMITTED THAT THEIR INDUSTRY IS  
5 IN TURMOIL AND A LOT OF THINGS ARE UP IN THE AIR UP NORTH SO  
6 IT IMPACTS IT AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE NEED TORT REFORM BUT... [  
9 OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

10

11 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO MORTGAGE MY HOUSE--  
12 I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO MORTGAGE MY HOUSE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE  
13 YOU A BID TO DO THE SAME JOB, SO I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP  
14 WE CAN GET.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT, WHEN YOU WENT TO  
19 THE DEPARTMENT, YOU DIDN'T GET ANY RESPONSE OR ASSISTANCE?  
20 THIS IS THE ONLY MECHANISM YOU COULD FIND TO HAVE THIS ISSUE  
21 RAISED?

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23 **MANNY MARTINEZ:** AT THE TIME, THERE WAS A MANDATORY PRE-BID  
24 CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, AND THOSE QUESTIONS WERE RAISED  
25 AND IT WAS LIKE, OH, WELL, KIND OF LIKE TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEPARTMENT COULDN'T  
3 RESPOND TO THEM AT THAT TIME.

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5 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** I'M SURE WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT WAS THE  
6 FAILURE OF ENICON AND PAGE SECURITY. ONE WAS A SUPER LARGE  
7 COMPANY, ONE WAS A VERY SMALL GUY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I THINK  
10 THAT'S WHAT A PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS ABOUT, IS TO RESPOND TO  
11 THOSE CONCERNS AND TO CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

12

13 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 30 COMPANIES, I  
14 BELIEVE, THAT SHOWED UP TO THE BIDDER'S CONFERENCE. OUT OF  
15 THOSE COMPANIES, I BELIEVE THERE'S, LIKE, SIX OF THEM THAT ARE  
16 MAJOR LARGE COMPANIES. YOU HAVE A COMPANY SUCH AS SECURITAS  
17 THAT OWNS FIVE OF THE MAJOR COMPANIES THAT DOES SECURITY IN  
18 THE COUNTY. THEY OWN BURNS, WELLS FARGO, A.P.S., PINKERTON AND  
19 I BELIEVE LINCOLN SECURITY. ALL OF THOSE COMPANIES ARE OWNED  
20 BY A COMPANY IN SPAIN. YOU HAVE ANOTHER COMPANY THAT HAS ALL  
21 OF THE HOSPITALS AND THEY WON ALL THE BIDS FOR COUNTY U.S.C.  
22 AND FOR HARBOR-U.C.L.A., WHICH IS AKAL, WHICH IS AN ARABON  
23 COMPANY. I MEAN, WE'RE TRYING TO AT LEAST WORK WITH THE PEOPLE  
24 WE HAVE HERE TO STAY TOGETHER.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT I'M JUST SAYING THAT ISSUE  
2   SHOULD BE HANDLED AT A DEPARTMENT LEVEL AND, IF THEY'RE NOT  
3   RESPONDING TO YOU, WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED. WHY DIDN'T THEY GET  
4   THOSE ANSWERS AT THE BID CONFERENCE?

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6   **SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY GOT THE ANSWERS AT THE BID  
7   CONFERENCE. WE HAVE EXTENDED...

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT  
10   PEOPLE HAVE TO COME TO US ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS. IT SHOULD BE  
11   ADDRESSED EARLIER.

12

13   **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, AND I DID NOT HEAR EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID  
14   THEY GOT AT THE BID CONFERENCE, WHAT THE ISSUE WAS.

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY RAISED THESE ISSUES AT THE BID CONFERENCE  
17   AND THEY WERE NOT ADDRESSED.

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19   **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** WHAT THE WHOLE ISSUE IS IS THE BID BOND.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BUT ARE WE GOING TO GO BACK THROUGH THIS  
22   AGAIN?

23

24   **SPEAKER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUE IS THE BID BOND AND  
25   IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE LOOKING INTO AND WE HAVE EXTENDED



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1 THE PERIOD FOR A WEEK SO THAT WE CAN LOOK INTO IT AND SEE IF  
2 IT IS APPROPRIATE...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S FINE AND I APPRECIATE YOU LOOKING  
5 INTO IT. I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE UP  
6 FRONT.

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8 **SPEAKER:** AND WE RESPONDED TO THEM TODAY TO LET THEM KNOW THAT  
9 WE'VE EXTENDED IT FOR A WEEK.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. NEXT TIME, I WISH IT WOULD BE DONE UP  
12 FRONT. THAT'S WHAT THE PURPOSES IS OF THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCES  
13 ARE.

14

15 **STEVEN SCHRIEREN:** THE MAIN REASON THAT WE CAME TODAY TO TALK  
16 ABOUT IT, EVEN THOUGH THEY DID CALL US TODAY, WAS...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GLAD YOU DID.

19

20 **STEPHEN SCHRIEREN:** ...IF IT JUST POSTPONES THE INEVITABLE OF  
21 10% A WEEK FROM NOW, IT'S STILL THE SAME PROBLEM. FOR A LITTLE  
22 COMPANY LIKE OURS TO BE ABLE TO GET THE BID BONDS TAKES OVER A  
23 MONTH AND A HALF TO TWO MONTHS FOR THEM TO GO THROUGH OUR  
24 BOOKS AND TALK TO OUR ACCOUNTANTS AND FACE TO FACE TO SAY,  
25 "OKAY, WE'LL GIVE YOU A BID BOND." THE LARGER COMPANIES CAN



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1 WRITE YOU A CHECK FOR \$700,000 SAY, HERE, WE'RE GOING GET ALL  
2 OF OUR MONEY BACK. THAT BID BOND WE DO, WE LOSE 4 TO 10%...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, I KNOW. LET'S NOT GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN. I  
5 ALREADY-- I JUST ASKED A DIFFERENT QUESTION. OKAY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **STEPHEN SCHRIEREN:** WE THANK YOU.

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9 **SPEAKER:** IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT, AT THE  
10 CONFERENCE, THE REASON FOR THE BID BOND WAS EXPLAINED TO ALL  
11 OF THE PEOPLE THERE AND...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SAYING THAT THERE'S-- THAT'S NOT THE  
14 ISSUE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT'S THAT POLICY-- THAT TYPE OF POLICY  
17 THAT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST SMALLER BUSINESSES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. AND THEY RAISED THAT ISSUE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ELIMINATE SO THEY  
22 HAVE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. THEY MAKE IT BECAUSE OF THEIR  
23 ABILITIES, NOT BECAUSE OF AN ARTIFICIAL BARRIER THAT PREVENTS  
24 THEM FROM COMPETING. THAT'S ALL WE WERE TRYING TO-- THE  
25 BOARD'S POLICY HAS BEEN, OPEN THE FIELD.



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2     **STEPHEN SCHRIEREN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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4     **MANNY MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6     **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, MR. STEPHENSON. COULD WE ALSO ASK MICHAEL  
7 HUNT TO JOIN US, PLEASE. PLEASE COME UP. I'M SORRY. IS THAT  
8 INCORRECT? OKAY. PLEASE COME ON UP. I'M SORRY.

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10    **BRANDON STEPHENSON:** THAT'S OKAY. MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS OF  
11 THE BOARD, MY NAME IS BRANDON STEPHENSON, I'M WITH THE "NO" ON  
12 PROPOSITION 68 CAMPAIGN AND I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT YOU  
13 PLACE ON A FUTURE AGENDA, A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSES PROPOSITION  
14 68. AS I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL VERY WELL AWARE, PROPOSITION 68 IS  
15 A GAMBLING INITIATIVE PUT ON THE BALLOT BY HORSE RACETRACKS  
16 AND CAR CLUB ROOMS WHO WANT TO EXPAND THEIR CURRENT GAMBLING  
17 ESTABLISHMENTS BY ACQUIRING A SUM TOTAL OF 30,000 SLOT  
18 MACHINES, EXEMPTING THEMSELVES FROM ALL LOCAL ZONING LAWS, THE  
19 C.E.Q.A. PROCESS AND FROM ALL FUTURE STATE AND LOCAL TAX  
20 INCREASES. THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO EXPAND THEIR CURRENT  
21 ESTABLISHMENTS INTO TRULY LAS VEGAS-SIZE GAMBLING CASINOS. IN  
22 MY BRIEF TIME, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS  
23 THAT ARE WRONG WITH PROP 68. FIRST OFF, IF PROP 68 PASSES,  
24 NONE OF THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THESE PROPOSED LOCATIONS  
25 WOULD GO TO THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND. NOT ONE SINGLE PENNY. IN





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1 FACT, IT'S GOING TO MAKE CALIFORNIA'S FISCAL CRISIS WORSE AND  
2 THE REASON WHY IS THAT, OVER THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS,  
3 GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER HAS BEEN RENEGOTIATING INDIAN GAMING  
4 CONTRACTS TO BRING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS MORE DOLLARS TO THE  
5 STATE, INCLUDING THE BACKING FOR A ONE BILLION DOLLAR  
6 TRANSPORTATION BOND. IF PROP 68 PASSES, ALL THAT BECOMES NULL  
7 AND VOID. ANOTHER MYTH ABOUT 68 IS THAT REVENUE GENERATED, IF  
8 THIS PASSED, WOULD BE OFFERED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUT WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU IS  
10 THAT THE MONEY CAN ONLY BE USED TO HIRE ADDITIONAL POLICE  
11 OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS. NONE OF THE MONEY COULD ACTUALLY BE  
12 USED TO EQUIP THEM OR TRAIN THEM AND IT WOULD STRIP ALL  
13 DISCRETIONARY POWERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO SPEND THE MONEY  
14 WHERE THEY SEE IT'S NEEDED BEST. FOR THAT REASON, THE LEAGUE  
15 OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND OVER 91 CITY COUNCILS THROUGHOUT THE  
16 STATE HAVE OPPOSED PROPOSITION 68, INCLUDING MANY IN L.A.  
17 COUNTY SUCH AS MALIBU, BELL FLOWER, CERRITOS, PASADENA, EL  
18 MONTE SO WHAT I'M HERE TO DO IS I HAVE SOME INFORMATION I WAS  
19 HOPING TO GIVE YOU ALL, REVIEW IT AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU'LL  
20 REVIEW OUR 13-PAGE OPPOSITION LIST. THAT INCLUDES THE  
21 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, OVER 25 OTHER COUNTY  
22 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS, THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE REPUBLICAN AND  
23 DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND YOU'LL DECIDE TO TAKE UP A RESOLUTION  
24 TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 68. AND ONE LAST THING, YOU ALL MAY BE  
25 THINKING, WHY IS THIS GUY HERE? DIDN'T THE PROP 68 GUYS CALL



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1 IT QUILTS? AND THE "YES" ON THE PROP 68 SIDE DECIDED TO SUSPEND  
2 THEIR ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN. BUT PROP 68 IS STILL ON THE  
3 BALLOT, THEY STILL HAVE MAILERS GOING OUT, THEIR COMMERCIALS  
4 WERE ALL OVER THE AIRWAYS AND PEOPLE ARE VOTING ON PROP 68  
5 EVERY SINGLE DAY AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT A  
6 COMMUNITY THAT WOULD BE INUNDATED WITH GAMBLING, SEEING HOW 10  
7 OF THE LOCATIONS ARE IN THIS COUNTY, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU  
8 WOULD TAKE A STAND AND THAT YOU WOULD ALSO MIGHT CONSIDER  
9 ENDORSING US ON AN INDIVIDUAL LEVEL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
10 YOUR TIME. IT WAS A PLEASURE SPEAKING BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. IS MR. HUNT HERE? NO? HE LEFT?  
13 ALL RIGHT. THAT ADJOURNS OUR PUBLIC MEETING. AND, VIOLET, I  
14 GUESS YOU HAVE THE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS  
19 ITEMS CS-1, CS-2 AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
20 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH  
21 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION,  
22 FOUR CASES, AND ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
23 REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON  
24 THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1      **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 12, 2004**

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4      The Board of Supervisors met today in Closed Session. The  
5      following action is being reported:

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7      CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

8      (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) County of  
9      Los Angeles v. Civil Service Commission (Zvi Osterweil, M.D.  
10     Real Party in Interest), Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.  
11     BS 073 295, Court of Appeal 2nd Civil No. B165174

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13     This case arises out of the discharge of an employee from the  
14     position of resident physician at LAC+USC.

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16     Action Taken:

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18     The Board of Supervisors authorized the County's legal counsel  
19     to seek California Supreme Court review of the decision of the  
20     Court of Appeal in this case. The vote of the Board was  
21     unanimous with Supervisor Knabe being absent.

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I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

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And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of October, 2004.

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